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## No surprise: Board elects Papa, Fransden

### Chairman strongly admonishes critics, media prior to selections

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Few were surprised Monday morning as the new Madison County Board re-elected Rudy Papa to a third term as chairman and named Jack



PAPA

Fransden the county auditor. At the same time, the new members of the county board took their seats for the first



FRANSDEN

time. Papa, chairman of the board ever since Nelson "Nellie" Hagnauer passed

away in 1996, was re-elected with only a few objecting votes. Residents and county employees packed the board chambers. Some were clearly unhappy that Papa was re-elected, particularly because of the whole county nursing homes issue.

Board member Don Garrett of Madison vocally objected and said that the county board, under Papa's leadership, has lost the respect of county residents and that Democratic control of the board has hurt it. "The County Board has become the dumping ground

for the Democratic Party machine," said Garrett, himself a Democrat. However, Papa pointed to many successes of the past few years, including the nearly-completed Interstate 255

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## Madison High students learn value of money management

### Union Planters helps teach financial course

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Students in Vanessa Brown's class at Madison High School have been learning a lot about money management in the last month.

## MADISON

Brown's class of special needs students recently became involved in the Bank At School Program. The program, sponsored by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office, links classrooms and local financial institutions to teach money management skills, especially the need to save. Union Planters Bank is the local participating financial institution.

and interesting way for children of all ages to learn the importance of saving and money management," Topinka said. "Everyone understands the importance of learning life skills, and we are pleased that these students will benefit from this learning experience."

Elmer Wortham of Union Planters Bank meets with the students twice a month. "When I asked the students what they were saving for, some said clothes or stereos, one said a leather jacket, another said he would get his car fixed, and four said they were saving for college," Wortham said. "One even said she was saving just to be saving so that when she wanted something in the future, there would be something there."

"By working with these students, I hope to

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### Breakfast with the man

Four-year-old Ashley Bringer has a conversation with Santa Claus during Chouteau Township's annual Breakfast with Santa event Saturday morning.

## Officer back in spotlight

### Former mayor seeking return to position

By Jason White  
Staff writer

Carl E. Officer, a four-term former mayor of East St. Louis and the owner of Officer Funeral Home, announced his candidacy for mayor Friday at a voter registration drive at the Clyde C. Jordan Senior Citizens Center.

Officer, who was known for controversial comments and questionable financial dealings during his time as mayor, said age has changed him for the better. "It was

EAST ST. LOUIS a different kind of city and I was a different kind of man," Officer said. "There's a certain wisdom that comes only with age." One of the major differences is the Casino Queen's arrival in 1993. It provided tax revenue to restore city services. But Officer said citizens still aren't much better off than

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Courtesy John Mohl  
Sr. Mary Thomas of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, left, and Margaret Hopkins, chairwoman of the Downtown Neighborhood Restoration Society Silver Bells Christmas House Tour, visit with Jack Jenkins, right. The Jenkins Home on 2257 Cleveland Blvd. is one of the featured stops on the Downtown Neighborhood Restoration Society of Granite City's historic house tour, scheduled for Dec. 19.

## DNRS Silver Bells house tour

### great way to mark holidays

### Traditional GC event slated Dec. 19

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

With real winter weather finally moving into the area, an excellent way to ring in the holidays and take pride in the hometown would be to tour some of Granite City's more famous and beautiful homes.

The Downtown Neighborhood Restoration Society of Granite City is planning the Silver Bells Christmas House Tour. The tour is scheduled for 3 to 6 p.m. Dec. 19.

Tickets cost \$10, with 50 percent of the profits going to the Wings campaign, which supports St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Koch Family Health Center.

The homes and churches on the tour include several buildings that have some history to them. For example, the Jenkins Home at 2257 Cleveland Blvd., built in the late 1890s, was once the home of Granite City's second mayor, Julius Rosenberg, who served from 1888-1903.

Another house, the Mertz Home, at 2217 Grand Ave., originally contained only two

rooms before it was enlarged in 1870 and completely renovated in 1966.

"It really is a page out of a Norman Rockwell painting," said Margaret Hopkins, chairman of the House Tour. "Many of these homes reflect the Victorian influence of the 1890s, with high ceilings, multiple fireplaces, ornately-carved mantels, beautiful stairways and woodwork and trim you can't even find today."

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## Stewart convicted in AIDS assault

### Boy's mother: I take no comfort in this verdict

By Frank Gluck  
Staff writer

The mother of the boy whose father was convicted of injecting him with the virus that causes AIDS found little consolation in the guilty verdict.

"Although the trial is over and the one responsible for this inhumane crime has been

brought to justice, it gives no relief to the fact that my son has been robbed of a normal childhood and given an unjust sentence of his own," said the boy's mother, who has been identified only as Jennifer.

"His sentence is filled with daily medications, continuous doctor visits, fear of infections and knowing the end result of having AIDS."

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## Abbott retires as Bethesda pastor

The Rev. Luther Abbott retired from the pastorate Oct. 11 after serving as pastor at Bethesda Baptist Church, 3035 Nameoki Drive, for the past 23 years.

Abbott, who began his ministry at Bethesda on Aug. 31, 1975, will retire to southeast Missouri where he and his wife, Ann, both grew up.

The church held a going-away dinner for the Abbotts after the morning worship service. Many friends made over the years were present for the worship service and the dinner.

Afterwards, the Abbotts were presented with an anniversary clock and a plaque from the church for their years of service. Other gifts were presented by individual members as well.

In the absence of the Rev. Robert Carter, director of

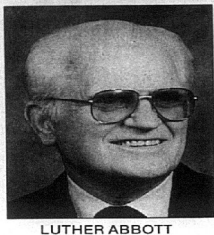
missions for Madison County Baptist Association, a plaque was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Abbott by the Rev. Brian Smith, moderator of MCBA, who is also pastor of First Baptist Church in Granite City.

The plaque was for acknowledging the work that both of the Abbotts have done over the years in the association.

"Just because I'm retiring from the pastorate doesn't mean I'm retiring from the Lord's work," Rev. Abbott said. "It just means I'm shifting gears. I look forward to serving in a different way."

Abbott had been a bi-vocational pastor until 1996, when he retired from Gaylord Container in St. Louis, where he had been employed for 40 years.

The Abbotts have one daughter, Mrs. Tom (Karen)



LUTHER ABBOTT

DeBruin, and two grandsons. They live in St. Clair, Mo. The Abbotts plan to see more of his family.

## Community Events

### Red Cross Blood Drive

This holiday season, by giving blood, you can be a very special hero for someone in need.

That person might be a small child undergoing treatment for leukemia, it might be a grandparent receiving lifesaving heart surgery, or it may be an accident victim who needs blood to survive.

Your donation is especially needed during the holidays, when fewer people have time to donate. Giving blood is a safe, simple process. It only takes about an hour from registration to refreshments. The actual donation only takes about 10 minutes. Sterilized needles are used once then

discarded.

The next blood drive in the area is set for 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3703 Nameoki.

To be eligible to give blood, you must weigh at least 110 pounds and be 17 years old; 16-year-olds may give blood with a signed American Red Cross permission form.

Those who have previously donated can expedite the process by bringing in their American Red Cross donor card. New donors are asked to bring proper identification, such as a driver's license.

For more information about this or any other blood drive, call the Red Cross at (800) GIVE-LIFE.

Price Center  
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The Price Support Center Thrift Shop has reopened for business.

The hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of each month.

The shop offers bargains on previously-owned items.

### Gospel singing

Gospel singing is scheduled for this weekend at the Living Waters Gospel Singing Center, 3121 W. Chain of Rocks Road in Mitchell.

Slim and Zella Mae Cox from St. Louis will perform at 7 p.m. Friday. Safe Harbor from Park Hills, Mo., performs at 7 p.m. Saturday.

## County officials no-shows at hearing

### Area grassroots group deliver petitions for homes

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

Members of a grassroots committee say they know more than county officials about what's going on with the state's plans for the Madison County Nursing Home.

About a dozen members of the County Homes Action Committee went to Springfield for a hearing Thursday morning. Several said county officials were "a no-show."

But county administrator James Monday said that, as far as he knew, the county's attorney sent a letter to the

administrative hearing officer asking that the hearing be delayed because of prior commitments.

"Assistant State's Attorney John Gilbert mailed a written request. I don't know what (the action committee) folks are saying, unless there was a royal communication snafu."

The letter was sent shortly after Gilbert received notice Nov. 17 of the meeting, Monday said.

Richard Hart, a Springfield attorney, was hired by the state as the neutral hearing officer.

"Those are fair statements by both sides, but I'm sure Gilbert sent the letter. I just don't have it. I'm not sure if it

got lost in the mail or was misaddressed or what," he said.

"I don't think anything should be read into that. It's not relevant. I take him at his word that he sent it."

Hart began the hearing at 10 a.m. and said he made it part of the record that Madison County wasn't represented.

County officials had said Wednesday that there was no hearing scheduled.

Debbie Groeteka, a chairwoman of the action committee, said county officials have been wrong so many times about dates and times that, despite learning that the hearing had been canceled, the action committee

went to Springfield, anyway.

Groeteka and committee member Erwin Wein said several petitions against closing the Nursing Home were entered into Hart's file.

"We keep going to these meetings and, as it turned out, it was appropriate being there to represent the residents of the county. Hart accepted our petitions, and we will now be notified of (any future) dates," Groeteka added.

She said the committee is being accepted into the matter as a legal party, along with Gilbert and Edward Bruno of Chicago, the attorney for the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board.

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## Paper employees face difficult times ahead

### Alton plant shutting down

By Paul Brinkmann  
Staff writer

Jerry Davis of Bethalto washed his black Chevrolet Blazer for the last time Wednesday.

ALTON "I don't know what I'm going to do," Davis said. "I have to sell my car. I'm washing it right now so I can sell it."

Davis, 45, was among hundreds of Smurfit-Stone Corp. employees making tough decisions after the company closed its Alton paper mill.

He had operated a hydro-pulper at the paper mill since the age of 20. He and his wife, Betty, have another car, but their future is uncertain.

"The entire region will deal soon with the same uncertainty because of the cash the mill contributed to the economy. Annual property taxes paid on \$1.1 million assessed valuation and a \$9.6 million annual payroll."

"The immediate thing is the lost payroll," Alton 7th Ward Alderman Everett Loy said. "Down the road, the tax base may suffer."

The impact on the unemployment rate is likely to be negligible unless followed by other closings, said Dennis Hoffman, labor market economist with the Illinois Department of Employment Security. The paper mill employed 242 people.

"A permanent plant closing like this is a serious loss for the Alton economy, but it probably won't have a real serious effect on the overall rate," Hoffman said.

Unemployment in the area has been declining gradually since hitting about 8 percent during a recession in 1992, he said.

Alton's unemployment rate stood at 6.1 percent for

October. Madison County's was 4.3 percent for the same month.

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### Wilson School program

Wilson School's kindergarten class recently held a Christmas program at the school. Above, Kimbra Miller belts out a solo, "Me and My Teddy Bear," while at right, the entire class performs a holiday tune.



Shirley Valencia photos

## Nenninger retires after 23 years

Lead clerk remembers her work

By Dennis Grubaugh  
Staff writer

Jean Nenninger remembers exactly what she was doing 23 years and four months ago.

And she'll forever remember Dec. 4, 1998. Those were the first and last times the Glen Carbon woman sat down at her desk in the Madison County Circuit Clerk's Office.

The popular lead clerk in the case filing division stepped down Friday, retiring in style with a party attended by hundreds of current and past workers at the county courthouse in Edwardsville.

Nenninger started as a clerk in the civil division — the area that handles lawsuits — in 1975, when Circuit Clerk Willard "Butch" Portell was the boss.

Portell died in July 1992 and was succeeded by Matt Melucci, who has nothing but praise for his employee. "Jean is like the epitome of the kind of worker you want to have. She's steady, hard-working, polite with the public. She has been a tremendous employee."

Melucci said he first knew Nenninger years ago when he was the county's director of administration from 1975-78.

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## MCT still suffering from several image problems

County bus ridership higher, but some taxpayers see empty buses

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

Ridership on Madison County Transit District buses has increased every year in the 1990s, but the service continues to suffer from an image problem.

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Many citizens and officials have concerns about the empty buses they see driving through the county, while many who ride the buses say they would be stranded without them. In addition to empty buses,

complaints are often made about the seemingly high number of buses in service, the construction of exorbitant transfer terminals, the district's employment practices and the lack of a private bus industry.

Despite the numbers showing an increase in ridership, the conception that few people ever ride the county's 106 buses continues to dog the transit district. Byron Sherry of Cottage Hills, who lost to Rudy Papa in the County Board election last month, said he rarely sees

more than a half-dozen people on buses at any given time. "And a lot are empty."

In Downtown Alton, Bob and Rebecca Kinder often sit outside their store, Rebecca's Fancies and Frames, and watch the flow of green and white buses.

"Every once in a while, we'll see a bus go by with one or maybe even two people in it," Bob Kinder said.

"Once a month, there might be five in one of those big old buses. I think it's a gross waste of taxpayers' money. From my perspective as a

taxpayer, I think we could buy each one of these riders a Lincoln Town Car with a chauffeur and still save money from what we're paying on these buses."

Jerry Kane is executive director of the transit district. He says people frequently see the buses near the end of their lines when many riders have exited at their stops.

"We have a system that's very visible. We have more service with the same revenue since we were created," he said. "By operating locally, there are more green and white buses than in the past when Bi-State operated within the county."

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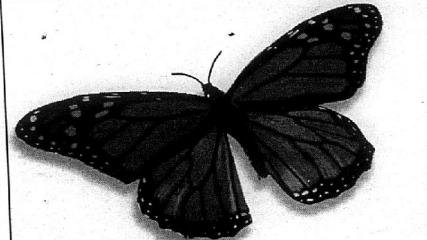
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### Sheriff Justus warns of local solicitor scam

St. Clair County Sheriff Mearl J. Justus is advising citizens about a group claiming to represent deputy sheriffs currently soliciting door-to-door in Centerville and surrounding areas.

The American Deputy Sheriff's Association, based in Houston, does not represent any Illinois sheriffs or any deputy sheriffs in St. Clair County, Justus said.

When approached by a solicitor, Justus recommends:

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## Obituaries

## Virgie Bradford

VIRGIE M. BRADFORD, 81, of Granite City, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 1998, at Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra.

She was born Sept. 3, 1917, in Granite City. Mrs. Bradford was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include her son, David Bradford of Glen Carbon; three daughters, Margaret Smelcer of Decatur, Neida Goodrich of Bethalto and Diane Davis of Granite City; one brother, Robert James Sr. of St. Louis; one sister, Helen Jones of Granite City; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Bradford; her parents, Eldon and Flossie (Snellings) James; one son, Gordon Bradford; one daughter, Baby Bradford; three brothers, Otto, Raymond and Donald "Jack" James; and one sister, Lucille Lowe.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Terry Braum officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's research.

## Levy Brossett

LEVY J. BROSETT, 85, of Pontoon Beach, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mr. Brossett was born Sept. 8, 1913, in Natchitoches Parish, La. He was a retired sheetmetal worker.

Survivors include his daughters, Patricia Denham of Pontoon Beach and Belinda Brossett of Granite City; three brothers, Clifton Brossett of Desoto, Texas; Leam Brossett of Shreveport, La.; and Paul Brossett of Louisiana; three sisters, Margie Nelson and Belinda Kyle, both of Shreveport, La.; and Eunice Cowan of Princeton, La.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John C. and Josephine M. Brossett; one son, Harvey Brossett; and one sister, Mary Brossett.

Friends may call Rose-Noah Funeral Home in Shreveport, La. Werner Chapel handled the local arrangements.

## Calvin Compton

CALVIN M. COMPTON, 83, of Granite City, died Monday, Dec. 7, 1998, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City.

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Mr. Calvin was born Jan. 19, 1915, in Granite City. He was retired from Union Local 288 as a sheet metal worker and was a member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, Harmony Class at the church. Mr. Compton was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian (Watts) Compton, and a sister, Lena Ennis of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Minnie (Mercer) Compton.

Services will be 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Gary Motta officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

Glenn S. Lindsay, 43, of Granite City, died Dec. 4, 1998.

Mr. Lindsay was born April 13, 1955, in Trinidad, British West Indies. He was a member of West County Assembly of God Church.

He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with honors, receiving his degree in civil engineering and later his M.S.E. He served as president of L.E. Lindsay Construction Co., was a registered professional engineer, and was a member of the Illinois National Society of Professional Engineers, retired president of Timberline Users Group, the National Federation of Independent Business, retired president of Southern Building Association, Associated General Contractors, Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, a Service and board member of Conexus, Inc.

Mr. Lindsay was a master of ceremonies for Agape Christian Music Festivals.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy (Bazan) Lindsay; his parents, Lindale and Helen (Glenko) Lindsay; two brothers, Dave Lindsay of Granite City and Lindale "Bud" Lindsay of Edwardsville; and his grandmother, Muriel Lindsay of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Donna Lindsay Chandler; his maternal grandparents, Louis and Viola (Dorila) Glenko; and his paternal grandfather, Eugene Lindsay.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 7, at West County Assembly of God Church, Chesterfield, Mo., with the Rev. Allen Groff officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Millstadt.

Memorials may be made to the Exodus World Service, a ministry to help refugees.

Harold Sullivan Sr., 80, of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 4, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Sullivan was born June 3, 1918, in Mitchell, Mo. He was retired from McKissick Chemical Co. and was a member of First Evangelical Free Church.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his daughter, Joan Price of Mountain Grove, Mo.; one son, Harold Sullivan Jr. of St. Louis; one sister, Norma LaFosse of Missouri; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda (Wamack) Sullivan; his parents, Roy and Sarah (Wecks) Sullivan; and two brothers, Elmer and Earl Sullivan.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Robert Widin officiating.

Memorials may be made to First Evangelical Free Church.

Angela Tucker, 70, of Troy, formerly of Maryville, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998, in Collinsville.

She was born May 24, 1928, in St. Louis.

Ms. Tucker was a member of St. Jerome Catholic Church and the 60 Plus Club, a previous member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and an original sponsor of the Maryville Homecoming Board for many years.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Ann Myers of Collinsville; one son, Dennis Komeshak of Highland; three sisters, Nancy Carbonatto and Ann Killian, both of Collinsville; and six grandchildren, Brad and Steve Myers, both of Collinsville; and Komeshak, all of Highland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carmello and Mary (Todor) Cappello; and two brothers, Frank Cappello and Ross "Buddy" Cappello.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Troy.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Jerome Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steven Janoski officiating.

Burial will be in Buck Road Cemetery in Maryville.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Family Hospice of Belleville or St. Jerome Catholic Church.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Kyle White officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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## Stewart

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Joseph Murphy, defense attorney for Stewart, said the verdict was a comment on the justice system.

Stewart showed emotion as a 35-year-old man, County jury foreperson of first-degree murder, injecting his 30 months of life sentence.

The verdict about 10:30 p.m. and came after a 10-hour trial.

Stewart was born in 1963 in St. Louis. He was a member of the American Cancer Society.

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## Stewart convicted in AIDS assault trial

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Joseph Murphy, the lead defense attorney for Brian Stewart, said he had no comment pending an appeal of the verdict.

Stewart showed no emotion as a St. Charles County jury found him guilty of first-degree assault for injecting his son, then 11 months old, with HIV-tainted blood and recommended a life sentence.

The verdict was read about 10:30 p.m. Saturday and came after more than

seven hours of deliberation. Only an hour before, a majority of the jury members told Circuit Judge Ellsworth Cundiff they would need to consider the evidence beyond Saturday.

Sentencing tentatively is scheduled for Jan. 8. The jury had the option to recommend 10 to 30 years or life imprisonment.

Should Cundiff impose the life sentence, Stewart will be eligible for a parole hearing after 15 years.

Jennifer sobbed as the verdict was handed down and quickly left the courtroom to vomit, sources

said.

She later appeared in front of the courthouse where she thanked investigators, the court and the jury for their hard work, but said the verdict will not change what Stewart did to her son.

Prosecutors claimed Stewart injected his son as a means to sever all ties to Jennifer, who he had dated, and getting out of paying child support.

Stewart, who was a phlebotomist trained in injecting and withdrawing blood, also had access to tainted blood and the ability to easily take blood out.

## No surprises in Madison Board election

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project to Godfrey and the Madison County Drug Court.

The more contentious election, though, was that of Jack Frandsen to auditor.

Papa prefaced the vote with a strong statement that appointment of the auditor was an internal board matter.

"No officeholder will say who the next auditor should be," he said, nor should any media outlets.

During the past two weeks, former auditor Fred Bathon, elected to treasurer in November, had criticized Papa's choice of Frandsen, saying he was unqualified.

Papa forcefully disagreed and said Frandsen has

excellent managerial skills and would bring integrity to the office.

In other action Monday, Alan Dunstan was elected as the board's vice chairman, who fills in during the chairman's absence.

Judge Lawrence Keshner swore in the new board members, the majority of whom assumed the seats of retiring members. Judy Kuhn of Highland replaced the retiring Harold Byers; Michael "Joe" Semanish of Maryville replaced Don Sonnenberg; defeated in the primary; Larry

Trucano of Collinsville replaced the retiring Virgil Fletcher; Ed Hagauer of Granite City replaced Herbert "Junior" Milton, defeated in the primary; Steve Stobbs of Godfrey replaced the retiring Frank Vonnahmen; Wayne Frankewater of Wood River replaced Anthony Paynic; and Michael "Doc" Holliday Sr. of Alton replaced Albert Charleston.

The makeup of the board is still largely the same, with 26 out of 29 seats held by Democrats.

## House tour set for Dec. 19

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The other homes on the tour include the Petrillo Home, 2230 Cleveland; the Unfried Home, 2226 Cleveland; the Bridges Home, 2157 Cleveland; the Randall Home, 2242 Delmar Ave.; the Alexander Home; 2234 Delmar; the Hopkins Home, 2209 Delmar; and the Mertz Home, 2217 Grand.

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I. A Public hearing to approve a property tax levy for the Village of Pontoon Beach for 1998 will be held on December 22, 1998 at 6:30 P.M. at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall located at 3910 Highway 111.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Pam Beckley, Comptroller, 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach, Illinois (618) 797-9830 ext. 16.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 1997 were \$125,261.00.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 1998 are \$125,261.00. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 1997 were \$0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 1998 are \$0.00. This represents a 0% over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 1997 were \$125,261.00.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 1998 are \$125,261.00. This represents a 0% percentage increase over the previous year.

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## Local bank helps teach financial course

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give them the fundamentals of a bank account," he added. "We discuss how to obtain loans, the good and bad of credit cards and any other services offered by a bank. Each week, I ask students what they want to talk about the next time we

get together." Brown said she became interested in the program after seeing some literature from the Treasurer's office.

"I thought it was a fantastic idea and contacted them," she said. "I really want them to know what it's like to save money."

Many of the students

participating are also in the school's cooperative jobs program," Brown said.

"Once they get their checks, its mandatory that they put 10 percent of their money into their savings account," she said. "They have to save their money to the end of the school year."

## Officer seeks return to ESL mayor's office

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when he left office in 1991.

"Look at all the construction under way — who among you is benefiting?" Officer said. "We can build a better vision for our city, one that doesn't have us on the outside looking in."

"We've got to do a better job making this the place people want to live," he said.

Another difference is that East St. Louis is now has a city manager form of government, which assigns most day-to-day city business to the city manager.

"I think that's almost an ideal situation for me," Officer said. "Now I get to see how good a legislator Carl Officer can be."

St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricevic was among those who reacted with skepticism about Officer's claims that he had changed.

East St. Louis needs a stable

government to continue to attract investment, Baricevic said. He cited a variety of problems that occurred during Officer's tenure, including a lack of trash pickup, police cars without gas and city employees without paychecks.

"It was just essentially no government," Baricevic said. "East St. Louis is now on the verge of re-establishing an economic base and rebuilding a community," he said.

Baricevic said he hasn't had enough contact with Officer in recent years to judge whether his claims of being a new person are valid.

"Carl may be the guy, but it would have to be a new Carl," Baricevic said.

Officer, 46, is running with Joe Lewis Jr. and Ann Walker for City Council. The slate will not field candidates for clerk and treasurer, Officer said.

Lewis, 38, is the vice president of Crusader Printing Co., the largest black-owned printing company in the United

States.

"When I look at the city's business and how it's conducted, when I read about scandal after scandal, sometimes it puts me to shame," Lewis said. "I see elected officials who have turned a blind eye to our dreams."

"Together, we can rise and make this town proud again," Lewis said. "We can start the process of healing."

Walker, 49, is a graduate of the Katherine Dunham Performing Arts Center and has been a teacher and reporter for public television and radio. She is active in programs for senior citizens and youth.

"I'm keenly interested in the history and culture of East St. Louis, especially as it impacts on our future," Walker said. "Against all odds, we have shown that we can produce the best."

## Holiday eating often leads to weight gain

Thanksgiving has passed and the inside of your refrigerator probably looks as though an aluminum foil plant exploded inside. All those once-a-year delicacies are securely wrapped in their new silver skin.

Grandma's molasses soaked-brown sugar cookies, aunt Elsie's triple-sugar-glazed candied yams and your favorite butter whipped mashed potatoes with extra butter await your next midnight forage.

You might want to hold back a bit on the grazing and think about keeping it at least half-way healthy for the rest of the holiday season.

According to Jan Paulter, a registered dietitian at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, it is possible your intake of tantalizing holiday goodies with good health.

"On the day of the holiday," Paulter said, "I think that a special diet can be generally put aside for one meal. Most people, and there are a few exceptions, who are on a special diet, like a diabetic diet, can enjoy and eat food that they might not normally be allowed to eat."

"However," Paulter

continued, "the next day they should be careful about the leftovers sitting around the house. They have to realize it's the average of what they eat that makes the difference. If they have a big meal, they have to be back on their diet the next day."

Paulter recommends having a healthy food around the house for the majority of the day. If you are going to a party take something that is appropriate for you to eat so you can have some control over what is available. "You can eat it look like you're partying," Paulter said, "and still be in control."

Paulter offers a few tactics

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## Student loan interest rates take plunge, say officials

### Consolidation may help payments

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Correspondent

Individuals or families with more than one student loan outstanding might want to jump into consolidating under new, lower interest rates, financial aid officials said.

"Christmas has come a few weeks early," said Marian G. Smithson, director of Student Financial Aid at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

"Those with student loans should seriously consider consolidating their loans and refinancing at the new 7.46 percent interest rate," Smithson said.

Husbands and wives who each have outstanding student

loans may consolidate them and perhaps get a lower rate and a tax deduction, said John Swapp, the financial aid director for Lewis and Clark Community College.

"My wife and I are considering doing this ourselves," Swapp said.

"Homeowners aren't the only ones taking advantage of refinancing opportunities," Smithson said. "Those with a student loan should seriously consider consolidating their loans and refinancing at the new 7.46 percent interest rate."

"On average, with this lower interest rate, most borrowers could save at least \$50 for every \$1,000 of debt they have through students loans,"

Smithson said. "A typical student borrower from SIUE who graduates with \$15,000 in debt could save around \$700 over a 10-year repayment period."

Consolidated loans at the low interest rate are available through the Department of Education's Direct Loan Program, Swapp said. The opportunity is a result of legislation signed recently by President Bill Clinton, he said.

Private lenders who participate in the government-guaranteed student loan program also may offer the lower rate, Smithson said.

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## Seniors lobby for state assisted living home bill

### There's a market for it, backers say

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Correspondent

Backers say a bill to regulate assisted living housing for senior citizens might spark a construction boom.

"There is definitely a market for it," said Barbara Henson, director of Foxes Grove in Wood River, an independent living facility for seniors.

She said that in Missouri, where a licensing and regulation law is in effect, there are good examples of assisted living facilities.

Amy Paschedag of Edwardsville, an activist with the AARP, said people would be more likely to go live in an assisted living facility if they have the assurance of state oversight.

"This would really open up construction of assisted living," she said.

Henson said companies would be more likely to invest in such housing knowing that people are likely to move there.

She said her facility is somewhat similar to an assisted living facility but also significantly different.

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Grove on their own in apartments and have a convenient dining room, beauty shop and other facilities. They also have a kitchen of their own.

However, the management of Foxes Grove cannot provide nursing care, so the operators have an agreement with Rosewood Care Centers for nurses to visit the apartments of those who need help with prescription drugs or other medical needs.

An assisted living arrangement would go a step further with a nursing staff on duty within the apartment complex, working directly for the facility management.

Henson said that from contacts with residents who become slightly disabled and have to go to nursing homes, her company's officials are aware of the need for assisted living.

Some residents have had to go to nursing homes because they become less able to care for themselves, and not because they have a medical problem that requires skilled care, she said.

"If assisted living were

licensed, it would encourage more of them. It would be an additional plus."

Paschedag said the AARP made a strenuous push for an assisted living bill in the most recent fall veto session of the Illinois Legislature.

The lawmakers, however, failed to call the bill for a vote.

Paschedag said the group will try to get a similar bill passed in next spring's session.

"We've laid the groundwork."

The bill is facing strong opposition from the nursing home industry because it would reduce the number of people who would use its services.

Most senior citizens want to remain independent and out of nursing homes, Paschedag said.

"Seniors want to remain independent," she said.

"They want to live in their own communities and their own homes, make decisions, eat what they want and when they want it. Seniors need and want alternative housing arrangements."

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## AIDS quilt raises awareness

Display visits  
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By Larry Ingram  
Staff writer

Advocates of the fight against the spread of the HIV virus hope the recent AIDS Quilt display at Belleville Area College will promote awareness of the tragic disease.

"Part of what we think the quilt does is to remind people of how the epidemic has affected families," said Dale Wrigley, Bethany Place outreach coordinator.

The quilt display was part of World AIDS Day activities Dec. 1. Each of the panels in the 12-by-12-foot AIDS Quilt represents a person who has been infected with the HIV virus. The Names Project, a national organization, coordinated the display.

AIDS Quilt advocates stress that the quilt does not distinguish between those who have contracted AIDS from participating in high-risk activities and those who accidentally contracted the HIV virus from a blood transfusion.

The HIV virus does not discriminate based on lifestyle choices, Wrigley said.

"There is no one lifestyle, there is no one person," he said. "Everyone is (equally) susceptible. It does not have anything to do with a lifestyle."

But people can significantly reduce their chances of becoming infected by avoiding high-risk activities, said St. Clair County Health Promotion Specialist Stacie C. Davis.

"We do let them know, these are the behaviors that encourage HIV," Davis said. "So if you find yourself doing these risky behaviors, try not to."

"We always promote abstinence from needle use (and) from sex as a very positive choice," Wrigley said.

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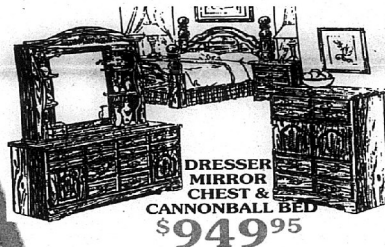
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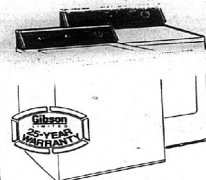
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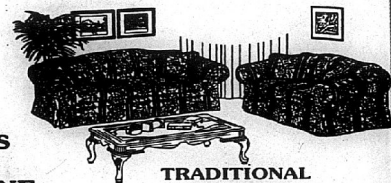
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# Sports

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## All-state honors

Edwardsville duo leads the way in recognition

When it comes to building a resume, two Edwardsville High School football players — running-back Joe Bevis and offensive lineman Matt Schell — added to theirs recently in the form of all-state recognition.

Bevis, a 6-foot, 216-pound junior, gained 995 yards on 138 carries and scored nine touchdowns to become the



Art Voellinger  
Sports Views

only non-senior on the 63rd annual Champaign News-Gazette all-state first team.

In addition to rushing for a total of 2,391 yards the past two seasons, Bevis also was impressive as a linebacker and earned special mention all-state from the *Chicago Tribune*.

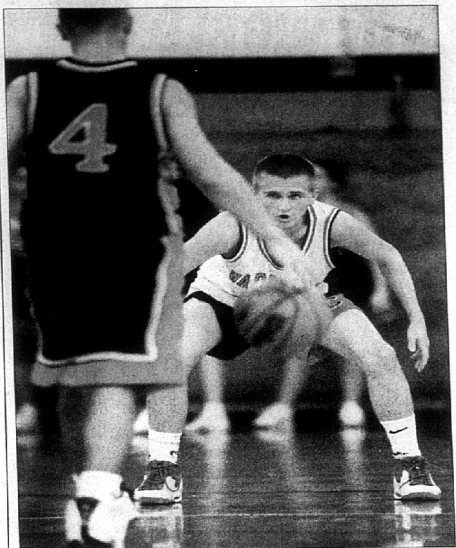
As a second-team *Tribune* selection, Schell gained that publication's highest salute for any player from southern Illinois. A 6-2, 255-pound tackle, Schell also earned special mention tribute in the Champaign paper.

Joining Bevis on the *News-Gazette* first team all-state was Damian McCottrill, a 6-3, 375-pound offensive lineman from East St. Louis Senior. He was the first Flyers player cited since halfback Kevin Beard in 1995.

Others earning *News-Gazette* special mention were: Tony Patterson, senior quarterback, Belleville East; Mike Sharp, Cahokia, and Nathan York, Collinsville, senior offensive linemen; linebackers, Chris Whitaker, an Althoff senior, and Cory Wilson, a Collinsville junior; and senior defensive lineman Brian Klostermann, of Breese Mater Dei, who also was a *Tribune* special mention.

### Overtime

In volleyball, 6-0 senior Nicole Panzau of Belleville West was named to the second team of the *Chicago Tribune* selection while teammate Danielle Lawary, a 6-0 senior, earned honorable mention, as did Ember Knoebeloch, a 6-2 Mascoutah senior. When Belleville West was eliminated by Naperville Central in the state volleyball tournament, the Maroons need not despair. Central's Player of the Year, Elizabeth Gower took a most impressive statistic into the finals — just 65 setting errors in 3,553 attempts during her four-year career.



Tim Stephenson photo  
Granite City's Zack May buckles down to play defense against Edwardsville's Matt Allaria (4) during Friday night's game.

## Warriors still ecstatic about win against Tigers

Granite City beats EHS for first time since '92

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Granite City's 56-55 victory Friday night against Edwardsville marked the Warriors' first triumph against the Tigers since 1992.

And event days later, the game's rapid finish is memorable.

"When we were up one with only a minute to go, the only thing I could think about was last year, when the game was tied," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "I was wondering if they were going to hold the ball then."

Edwardsville, the defending Southwestern Conference champion, is noted for draining time off the clock with a patented four corners attack but the Tigers did not have that chance Friday.

After Edwardsville assumed a 51-50 lead, Granite City's Matt Pistorius made a basket and then Zack May parlayed a steal into two free throws as the Warriors assumed a 54-51 lead with 40 seconds to play.

Edwardsville's Doug Shapiro hit a field goal and was fouled by Kevin Elliott. Shapiro missed his free throw but Lytle converted the put-back to give Edwardsville the lead (55-54) with 10 seconds to go.

Travis Evans fouled May with 5 seconds left and May made both free throws.

"You never know," VanBuskirk said. "Maybe we were due. If so, that's great. I have no problem with that. The kids did just a

"You never know. Maybe we were due. If so, that's great; I have no problem with that. The kids did just a great job."

John VanBuskirk  
Granite City coach

The Warriors beat the Tigers with a short bench.

"We have about a seven-man rotation, and (Thursday) in practice Teddy Wallace rolled his ankle pretty bad," VanBuskirk said. "Thank goodness our trainer got him ready to play. He played the junior varsity game and went in this game."

Two minutes after Teddy got hurt, Matt Pistorius rolled his ankle. Thursday was a short practice after that.

May led the Warriors with 21 points, including the decisive two free throws with 5 seconds left. He avoided picking up his fifth foul to remain in the game and provide the last-minute heroics.

"Zack is just a very, very good high school basketball player," VanBuskirk said. "There is nobody that competes any harder than Zack

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## Granite City rolls into inaugural season

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City boys bowling team has opened its inaugural season with a 2-1 mark while the girls team opened at 1-2.

"I think we are doing pretty well," Granite City coach Bill Puhse said. "We are winning some matches and getting some experience."

Sophomore Travis Papp has led the way for the boys with a 208 average. "Travis is doing really well," Puhse said. "He has been struggling lately, but he's still my top gun right now."

Boys win two of first three matches; girls win season opener vs. Maroons

"Travis is still gaining experience. He's one of my sophomores filling that role on varsity, where most teams he would be playing junior varsity."

Gary Brooks has chipped in with a 191 average.

"The boys lost to Belleville West (34-2) in their first match of the year," Puhse said. "Then Gary shot a 692

series against O'Fallon, which is a 200 average. That's excellent. "We moved him to the first position so he could give us a positive start and he has really responded."

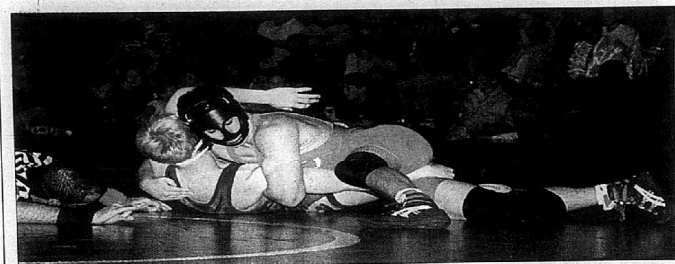
The Warriors won their next two matches handily — 32-4 against Cahokia and 26-10 against O'Fallon. Anthony Randazzo rolled a 198 in his

only appearance so far. The girls started off with a 30-4 5/8 romp of Belleville West. Ashley Reynolds led the way with a 614 series — a 192 followed by successive games of 211.

"She really dominated the other team," Puhse said. "She has been struggling a little lately too, but once we get her going we will have an excellent team. Once we get them all to get together and bowl well at the same time, we will be in good shape."

The girls losses were 23-13 to Cahokia and 24-12 against O'Fallon.

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Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City 189-pounder Bobby Grammer, above, about to pin an opponent, lost an 8-6 match to Edwardsville standout Joe Bevis last Friday.

## Warriors pin first defeat on Tigers

Granite City's falls help put an end to Edwardsville's threat

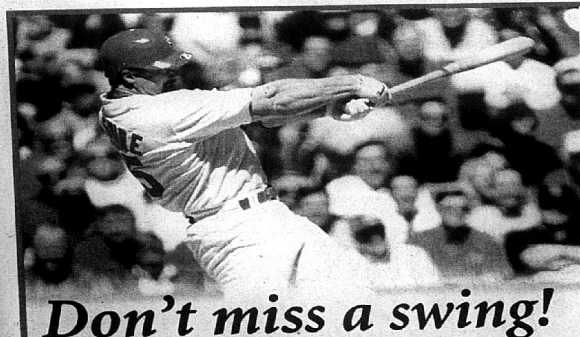
By Greg Shashack  
and Rick Broome  
Staff writers

PREP WRESTLING  
Granite City withstood one of its toughest challenges in the

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The Tigers managed to win six matches against the

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To enter the Journal Junior Sportswriter contest, students must submit three questions they would ask a Globetrotters player. The winner will be selected based on the quality and thoughtfulness of the questions.

The winning story from the interview will be published Jan. 6 in the Journal.

Time is short, however: the deadline to receive questions is 5 p.m. Friday. The winner will be notified Monday.

Send entries to: Suburban Journals, Junior Sportswriter contest, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo., 63131.

## MLK Classic scheduled for Jan. 18

The East St. Louis girls and boys basketball teams will participate in the seventh annual St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation/Coca-Cola/Majic 105 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. High School Basketball Classic.

The Classic is Jan. 18 at the Kiel Center. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$10 for reserved seating.

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Louis Cardinal Ritter plays University City (Mo.), and St. Louis Vashon plays the boys team from East St. Louis.

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## DOBBS Cardinals Team of the Week



### Tourney champs

The Holy Family sixth-grade girls basketball team won the Spanish Lake (Mo.) Rosary High School Tournament. Holy Family beat St. Louis teams St. Catherine, St. Damas and St. Thomas to win the tournament. The girls are also CYC Metro North District league champs and have a 16-0 record. Pictured above (from left to right): In front — Annie Bosslet, Maggie Ronk, Jenny Schooley, Courtney Jerden; in back — coach Barb Schooley, Bridget Curtin, Emily Gavilsky, Monica Ozanich, Shantae Hatter, Hilary Slover and coach Dorothy Ronk.

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# Eagles stop Warriors

## Tobin makes 30 saves for Civic Memorial

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Ben Tobin recorded 30 saves Saturday to lead Bethalto Civic Memorial to a 4-2 victory against the

Illinois Warriors in Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association action.

"We dominated them," Granite City coach Paul Solberger said. "Tobin kept them in the game. We hit two pipes and the crossbar on shots, where they were just inches from going in." With the score tied 2-2 late in the game, the Warriors turned the puck over in their own end — leaving netminder Scott Bronnbauer abandoned — and Bethalto converted.

"We handed them their third goal," Solberger said. "They came in on a two-on-one and their forward waited until the last second to make the pass. Scott guarded the side of the net of the man who had the puck, like he was supposed to. You can't fault Scott for that one. He played really

well. He stopped them on a breakaway, he was consistent, made good saves. Their goals were all defensive breakdowns. They maybe had six quality shots. Everything else we kept to the perimeter, like we are supposed to."

Down 3-2 with one minute to play, the Warriors pulled Bronnbauer for the extra attacker. The Eagles notched an empty-netter to complete the scoring.

"We carried the play and had a lot of shots, but we made some mistakes in our defensive end and it cost us," Solberger said. "Tobin is probably the best goalie in the league and it paid off for them."

"Unlike the loss to Collinsville, where we didn't play well, and the O'Fallon game, where we were banged up in the third, I thought we played real well. You are going to run into goaltending like that and I told the kids not to get down about it."

The good news for the Warriors is that they get forward Dustin Wesley back after missing two games

with injuries.

"Dustin played real well; he was flying," Solberger said. "He came in on a breakaway and hit the pipe with his shot."

"Bobby (Meszaros) played well, as did Dave Svezia. John Stordahl played really well. That was one of the best games I've seen John play this year, by far."

Stordahl scored both of the goals for the Warriors. His first goal tied it at 1-1, when he let a quick snapshot go from the point that beat Tobin high to his stick side.

Later, when Solberger moved him up front, Stordahl broke in and hustled to follow his own shot. His rebound goal tied the game at 2-2.

With the loss, the Warriors fell to 2-3-1 on the season and are winless in their last four games. They face Roxana tonight and Belleville West next Wednesday, both at home.

"We are looking forward to playing them," Solberger said. "I think coming home will help us. We like playing at home, no doubt about it."

# Warriors facing woes in physical conference

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

When the Illinois Warriors lost to O'Fallon last week for its third straight decision without a victory, the Warriors players knew they needed to make adjustments to get back on track. "Our fundamentals right now are lacking," said Warriors David Svezia. "We need to practice our fundamentals, especially our shots. Right now, we are shooting right into the goalies."

"The Northern Conference is also a lot more

physical than the Southern Conference was last year. We are not hitting nearly enough."

The Warriors have played well in losses to O'Fallon and Bethalto Civic Memorial, which followed a loss to Collinsville and a tie with Cahokia.

But the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association has been full of topsy-turvy results this year:

Cahokia beat O'Fallon 2-0 on Saturday despite being outshot 49-9 and then lost 4-2 to Civic Memorial on Sunday.

Collinsville lost 6-3 to Belleville East, which got to 500 with the win, and bounced back to beat Alton 3-1 on Sunday.

## MVCHA hockey

Schedules for local teams in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association. Rink listed below in parentheses are: FH the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights; EA East Alton; GC — Granite City; CA — Cahokia.

### ALTHOFF CRUSADERS

Overall record (3-2)

November	
16 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 7-2
22 vs. Alton (EA)	L 0-2
28 vs. Roxana (EA)	W 10-3
29 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 2-3
December	
5 vs. Belleville West (FH)	W 2-0

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13 vs. Collinsville (FH)	8 p.m.
14 vs. Cahokia (FH)	7:45 p.m.
22 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	6:45 p.m.
27 vs. Granite City (FH)	8:45 p.m.
29 vs. Belleville East (FH)	6:45 p.m.

### January

3 vs. Alton (FH)	8 p.m.
9 vs. Roxana (FH)	4:15 p.m.
10 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	7:30 p.m.
12 vs. Belleville West (FH)	8:15 p.m.
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH)	7:45 p.m.
23 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	2:30 p.m.
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	7:30 p.m.
30 vs. Cahokia (CA)	5:15 p.m.

### February

3 vs. Granite City (FH)	8:15 p.m.
6 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	4:15 p.m.
13 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	4 p.m.

### GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

Overall record (2-3-1)

November	
18 vs. Alton Marquette (GC)	W 5-4
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	W 4-3
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	L 2-2
December	

2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	L 5-6
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	L 2-4
9 vs. Roxana (GC)	8:15 p.m.
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	8:15 p.m.
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7:45 p.m.
23 vs. Alton (GC)	8:15 p.m.
27 vs. Belleville East (GC)	7:30 p.m.
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	8:15 p.m.

### January

6 vs. Collinsville (GC)	8:15 p.m.
9 vs. Alton (EA)	5:30 p.m.
13 vs. Cahokia (GC)	8:15 p.m.
20 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	8:15 p.m.
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.
27 vs. Belleville East (GC)	8:15 p.m.
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	4:15 p.m.

### February

3 vs. Althoff (FH)	8:15 p.m.
13 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	5:30 p.m.

### O'FALLON PANTHERS

Overall record (5-1)

November	
14 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 7-3
17 vs. Collinsville (FH)	W 5-3
22 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	L 0-1
28 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	W 2-0
29 vs. Althoff (FH)	W 3-2

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## Sports

## Warriors end drought vs. EHS

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May." Pistorius tossed in 14 points. Kevin Elliott had eight and Mike Simpson added four to go along with tight-marking defense. Warriors center Chris Tindall had nine, but more importantly controlled Edwardsville's 6-foot-10 Dan Lytle in the paint.

Lytle had 22 points, but the damage could have been worse.

"Lytle is a big kid," VanBuskirk said. "We thought Chris Tindall had a good game."

Lytle did come up with a three-point play in the last two minutes and blocked a Tindall shot late in the game. But Tindall also coerced Lytle into some foul trouble.

"(Lytle) makes everyone else around him better," VanBuskirk said, "and we had to concentrate so much on him that some of the other kids got buckets who normally maybe wouldn't. He's just a very good player and he missed some shots, but this was his first game. The next time we play them, he won't miss those shots."

While it is still early on the schedule, the conference seems to be wide open.

"I hope they all end up this way," VanBuskirk said. "But they are going to be tough games. The boys put up a sign in the locker room with the Southwestern Conference picks, and they had picked Granite City last. I didn't put it up, but the boys did and it's up in the locker room right now. The kids feel like they are better than that."

## Granite City rolls into first season

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Shelly Pulaski is rolling along with a 157 average while Francis Davis is right behind her at 154.

With a first-year program, some turbulent patches are to be expected.

"We've got our work cut out for us," Pulaski said. "We've been working on a lot of basic skills, trying to best develop their games and get them to support each other, which is a key part of

it. We just need to relax. They are all young, all new to this match kind of thing. Last Thursday was our first home match, and we had at least 40 people come out to see us, along with all the bowlers."

"So part of it is just that we have a lot of people

watching. I told them to relax, do the best they can and have fun. That's all I ask of my bowlers."

The Warriors faced Collinsville Tuesday night at Bowland. Their next match is Thursday against Edwardsville, at Montclair in Edwardsville.

## Boys basketball schedules

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS  
Overall record (2-2)  
Coach: Doug McCrary

November		
28 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central	L 60-70	
30 Pattonville Tournament		
vs. St. Louis McCluer	W 71-69	
vs. St. Louis CBC	L 47-58	
vs. St. Louis Chaminade	W 73-63	

December		
8 Pattonville	8 p.m.	
11 at Alton	8 p.m.	
12 at Alton	8 p.m.	
13 Granite City	8 p.m.	
19 at Belleville West	8 p.m.	
20 Collinsville Tournament	TBA	

January		
2 Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
9 Collinsville	8 p.m.	
19 East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
19-23 Belleville East Tournament	TBA	
29 Allen	8 p.m.	
30 Waterloo Shootout	7:30 p.m.	
vs. Jefferson City (Mo.)	7:30 p.m.	

Coach: Bob Bone  
Overall record (2-2)

November		
26-28 at Quincy Tournament		
26 vs. Peoria Richwoods	L 58-65	
27 vs. Springfield Southeast	W 64-46	
28 vs. Quincy	W 64-60	

December		
4 at East St. Louis	L 50-68	
11 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
12 St. Louis Cleveland Junior Naval ROTC	8 p.m.	
19 at Centralia	8 p.m.	
20-30 Schnucks Holiday Classic	TBA	

January		
2 Alton	8 p.m.	
8 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
9 St. Louis Beaumont	8 p.m.	
15 at Granite City	8 p.m.	
16 Belleville West	8 p.m.	
23 Hazelwood (Mo.) West	8 p.m.	
29 East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
30 Edwardsville	8 p.m.	

## Coach: Bennie Lewis

November		
25-28 Galesburg Tournament		
25 vs. Peoria Richwoods	W 70-61	
27 vs. Aurora West	W 63-59	
28 vs. Peoria Woodruff	W 66-44	

December		
4 Collinsville	W 60-59	
11 at Belleville West	8 p.m.	
18 Edwardsville	8 p.m.	

January		
5 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	
8 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.	

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS  
Overall record (4-1)  
Coach: John Van Buskirk

November		
23-28 at Alton Tournament		
23 vs. Springfield Lanchier	W 60-51	
25 vs. Cahokia	W 59-69	
27 vs. Alton	L 66-76	
28 vs. Madison	W 44-40	

December		
4 Edwardsville	W 50-55	
5 at Triad	8 p.m.	
12 Belleville West	8 p.m.	
18 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
19 Jerseyville	8 p.m.	
20 Collinsville Tournament	TBA	

January		
5 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	
8 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.	

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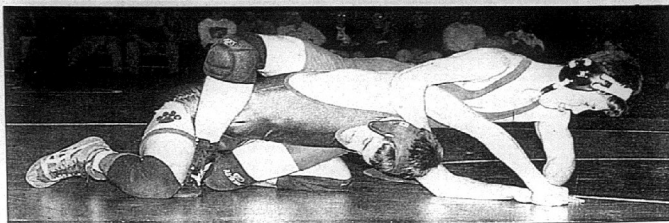
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Granite City's Ryan Worthen, top, won by pin during the Warriors victory against Edwardsville.

## Falls help Granite City turn back Edwardsville

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Warriors, but Granite City took command early and put together a slew of pins to win the match.

Of Granite City's eight match wins, six were via pin. Another was via forfeit and the other came on a technical fall. The Warriors (4-0) opened the match with a pair of pins as 103-pounder Steve Peach

took freshman Chris McLean in 2 minutes 49 seconds and 112-pounder Jake Triani pinned freshman Kyle Boeser in 2:49.

The Tigers (3-1) won three of the next four matches. Caleb Robinson (119), Ian Law (130) and Josh Mercer (138) won by decisions for Edwardsville. But Granite City 125-pounder Paul Johnson pinned Jerry Amsbury in 16 seconds and the Tigers trailed 18-10 despite splitting the meet's first six matches. Scott Radcliff posted

Edwardsville's lone pin of the night, stopping Granite City's Jim Treakle in 3:20 at 145. But the Warriors poured it on with two pins — Ryan Worthen and 140 and Brooks Narvaez at 152 — and a 17-2 technical fall victory by 160-pounder Justin Hale put the match out of reach at 41-16.

George Kirgan (171) and Kevin Venne (215) posted the other victories for Granite City.

## Warriors struggle to 1-4-1 in Mid-States hockey league

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association fell to

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night with a 3-1 loss to Hazelwood (Mo.) West.

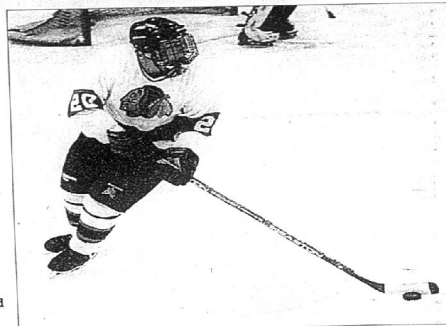
This Thursday, the Warriors will try to exact some revenge on Hazelwood (Mo.) East. The game is set for 7 p.m. at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

Injuries and suspensions have forced Warriors coach Dave Yurkovich to rely on his freshmen and sophomores.

"Donnie (Dickerson) still needs to get more jump," Yurkovich said. "He showed some early, in the first few games, but it seems like he's lost it a little bit. I don't know if he's just a little intimidated, but he needs to show a little more spark and use a little more of his speed. He's a physical kid, he's tough. He is just playing a little reserved and there is more that needs to come out of Donnie."

"Justin King played pretty well. I had him on the power play quite a bit tonight with Ryan (Burns) missing. Justin did OK, he made some good plays and he made some mistakes. That's to be expected."

"Joe Berg hasn't seen much time as far as varsity hockey goes, this is his first year at it. Joe is learning."



Tim Stephenson photo

Greg Sarich and his Warriors teammates will be in action 7 p.m. Thursday night at home against Hazelwood (Mo.) East.

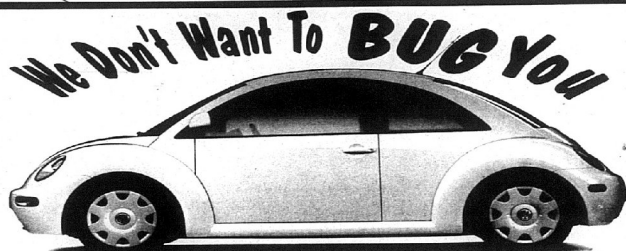
He's a good kid, he asks a lot of questions and is willing to learn.

"It's going to take some time for those kids to come along. It's early in the season, we have a lot of work to do, a lot of the game they need to learn. Once we get that accomplished, when they learn how the game is supposed to be played, our game will come around."

One youngster who is

showing improvement is sophomore goaltender Brian Reese.

"Brian understands what he needs to do, it's just a matter of going out and doing it, and (against Hazelwood West) he did. Brian followed the puck into his glove and into his body, watching every whim of the puck. He was right there. He saw it, he caught it, he blocked it, he cleared it."



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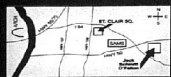
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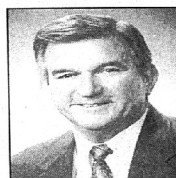
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### Horoscope

**Wednesday, Dec. 9**  
An extremely positive aspect involving Venus and Saturn helps take the pressure off competitive or challenging relationships. It is relatively easy to strike a mutually beneficial compromise with business partners now. Lovers are more affectionate and gracefully discover how to please one another. Win-win situations are favored.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 9).** That shadowy hard-to-diagnose problem is solved in January, freeing you to commit to more creative lines of work. Love affairs that allow you plenty of independence will bring adventure into your life in February and March. There are obstacles that keep you from making money in June, but they also steer you onto a much more lucrative path.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Collect money owed to you and get benefits you've applied for. Practical and financial arrangements are made wherever necessary. Save the evening for socializing and getting better acquainted with new love interests.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It is important to establish a friendly rapport with people who'll be in your life, whether you like it or not.

Concentration and opportunities are at a high in academic areas. Materials you're looking for will fall into your hands.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Deja vu or another brush with the magical will remind you of cosmic connections. Get out there, and do some smiling and politicking with those who can help you. Your relationship is strengthened through sharing.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).**



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**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You'll experience an acceleration of forward momentum in the early hours. Planetary energies loosen up the general flow of things. Avoid confrontations with a cranky colleague. Romantic evenings are low key.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Time may actually seem to speed up; problems will certainly be easier to understand and solve.

Interpersonal relationships of all kinds are touched with new compassion. Competitions will be hot.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You can be an entrepreneurial success. Get together with a group and do something different. News gives you new respect for the forces of nature. Intense feelings make this a good evening to exchange loving words.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You make progress with assigned tasks but may find it difficult to motivate yourself toward personal aims. A deadline helps you do more.

Catch up with an old friend tonight, and your options expand.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Experts are available for appointments — you deserve personal attention. Romance could begin with a fellow adventurer. Hunt for companionship, and you find passion instead.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Get in-depth work out of the way so you can take some much-needed recreational time. Social life can do you financial good, too, if you hang around with the right people. Cancers and Leos are terrific love prospects.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Some unpredictable will make a big impression and may be the friend you're looking for. Maybe there's a way to get your point across without offending, but if not, you'll still have to say what's on your mind.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Bright ideas spring up between you and a partner. Don't pay attention to rumors. You are tested when you don't expect it. Give a thorough cleaning to your car or closet; it's satisfaction you seek rather than thrills.

### Movie Times

Film timetable for Wednesday, Dec. 9. For times on other days, confirm these times, check local theaters.

**CARMIKE PETITE**  
170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.  
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The Waterboy (PG-13) 7:25, 9:35  
A Bug's Life (G) 7:05, 9:20  
Home Fries (PG-13) 7:30, 9:30  
The Rugrats Movie (G) 7:00, 9:15, 9:25

**COTTONWOOD**  
EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA  
Edwardsville, Ill., 556-6390  
Antz (PG) 6:45  
Rush Hour (PG-13) 7:00  
The Siege (R) 7:15

**NAMEOKI CINEMA**  
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Ringmaster (R) 7:00  
It'll Be Home For Christmas (PG) 7:15

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The Rugrats Movie (G) 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:00  
The Rugrats Movie (G) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 8:00  
Very Bad Things (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10  
Ringmaster (R) 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20  
A Bug's Life (G) 1:00, 3:15, 5:25, 7:45, 9:55  
A Bug's Life (G) 2:15, 4:25, 7:15, 9:35, 11:40  
Living Out Loud (R) 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40  
The Waterboy (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:50, 8:00, 10:00  
The Waterboy (PG-13) 2:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00  
American History X (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
Meet Joe Black (PG-13) 1:00, 4:40, 8:20  
Meet Joe Black (PG-13) 2:00, 5:40, 9:20  
Pleasantville (PG-13) 2:30, 5:20,

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Meet Joe Black (PG-13) 4:30, 6:10, 8:10  
Babe (G) 5:00, 7:10, 9:20  
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His quest unfolds in "Babe: Pig in the City," an amusing little nugget that might lack the simple charm of the original, but manages to please with a bundle of laughs — the biggest coming from the trio of mice who serve as a Greek chorus of sorts.

But there's much to be said for simplicity, and "Babe: Pig in the City" suffers from overload. It's busy, too many animals, too many subplots, too many changes. It's almost like Babe went to Hollywood instead of merely to the city, and what was so endearing about the original movie is suddenly lost in a flood of overkill and a misguided attempt to be clever and cool.

Still, the film will find a sure and steady audience among young and older movie-goers, and Babe remains the most precious little pig in the whole wide world, a character who can offer excellent lessons to kids — and moviegoers — in manners, friendship and charity.

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The next meeting of the KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION will

be 7 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Swansea Improvement Association Building, 301 Service St., Swansea. Anyone who served in Korea from 1945 to the present or anytime during the Korean War era June 1950 to January 1955 is eligible to join. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month.

GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

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THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meet at 9:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

LYDIA CIRCLE of Nameoki United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information phone, 877-1936.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first, third and fifth Tuesday of each month at Shoney's, Highway 157/4

Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-6026 or 344-2888.

BURT - SUBLEMASTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at 4864 Old Alton Road next to the Mitchell Fire Protection Department. Tours are available by appointment by calling 831-8317 or write to the above address.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M. meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

NARFE (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES) meets the second Tuesday of every month at Charlie's Restaurant, Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., meeting follows. Call 452-3266.

The INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 3906 Nameoki Road. Call 878-1422 for more information.

### Seniors

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340 Christmas dinner-dance tickets will be sold \$8 to noon every Monday to Friday. The dinner dance is set for Dec. 9 at the Granite City Township Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., refreshments served at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and over are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

### Support Groups

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP, meets 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., first and third Thursday of each month. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Cubberty at 462-2714 or Lyle Cubberty at 876-2382.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m., third Thursday of each month, in the President's Room, inside the Bonaventure Cafeteria, on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. The group focuses on addressing the questions and concerns of caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's. All meetings are open to community members. Call 798-3018 for more information.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS will hold the Christmas dinner party at 5 p.m. Dec. 13 at the home of Marilyn Aerne in Glen Carbon. Newcomers welcome. For more information call 288-3465.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP, meets 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first and third Saturday of each month at 1307 Madison Ave., Madison, to comfort and restore. Group membership is open to all who are "broken" — at no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3643 or 658-7831.

OBSESSIVE/COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP, meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of each month, at Von Gontard Conference Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, 615 South New Balles Road. Meeting is free and open to OCD patients, family and friends. For information call (314) 842-7228.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 3 to 4:30 p.m., third Sunday of each month, at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, Granite City. This group, men only, will meet in the church's Terrace.

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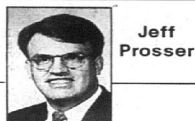


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## Business



Jeff Prosser

## No-load funds can really cost

There's an old song with a memorable saying in its refrain: "The best things in life are free."

The lyrics refer to the great outdoors: the beauty of stars, a hike up a mountain or the sound of the surf.

Nature's gifts are free to enjoy, but when it comes to man-made institutions, there is a different old saying that fits the bill: "There's no such thing as a free lunch." That adage applies to no-load mutual funds. A lot of people select this type of investment believing that "no load" means "no cost."

If you're one of those investors, you may want to compare the cost to buy versus the cost to own. Sales fees — the cost to buy — are a one-time expense. Annual expenses — the cost to own — are ongoing and take the biggest bite over the long run. Every mutual fund has expenses. The most obvious are fees paid to the investment adviser, as well as marketing, advertising and distribution charges. Other fees include normal operating costs, such as office space, staff and equipment. Such expenses are not charged directly to a shareholder's account, but are deducted from the fund's assets.

This means that there is less money for shareholder returns. Lower expenses result in more money for shareholders over the long term.

Although no-load funds may not charge an up-front fee, their annual expenses can have a significant negative impact on your return, so it's important to consider carefully the annual expenses of any type of fund.

You can find information about a fund's expenses in the condensed financial information of the prospectus or in the fund's annual report. It's generally described as the "ratio of expense to average net assets" and is listed for current and past years.

The average industry expense ratio for a growth fund is 1.46 percent, as calculated by CDA/Wiesenberger. The average growth-and-income fund is 1.42 percent, and for taxable fixed-income funds, it is 1.19 percent. Statistics from Lipper Analytical Services show that average no-load fund has an expense ratio of 1.32 percent.

If you are considering a fund with a 2 percent expense ratio, which is quite common, look for that added expense to eat into your profits. For example, compare two funds.

Fund A has a .06 percent annual expense and Fund B's annual expense is 2 percent. Each earns a hypothetical 15 percent average compound total return over a five-year period. For a \$10,000 investment, Fund A's expenses would be \$385 over the period, but Fund B's would be \$1,460.

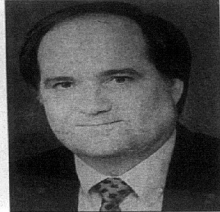
Annual expenses are an annual "deduction" from your fund's performance. If a no-load mutual fund has a higher expense ratio than a load fund, you may not be saving money over the long run.

Over meaningful periods of time, the advantage of low annual expenses will easily overcome the up-front sales charge, even before considering the performance of the fund.

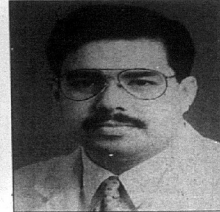
Whether you are considering a mutual fund or already own an account, ask the fund to run an expense study for your examination so you can see what the cost to own is over the long term, compared to the cost to buy.



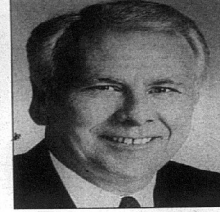
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## News-makers

Granite City resident KEVIN G. NICOL, principal and branch manager with the Granite City office of Richard B. Vance & Co., has been named to the All-American Team of the American Funds Group of mutual funds.

Nicol was cited for outstanding service to investors in the Southern Illinois and Eastern Missouri area and for financial expertise and dedication to principles of sound mutual fund and variable annuity investing.

He has been with Richard B. Vance & Co. since 1987, and has been in the financial services field for 17 years. Nicol is president and owner of Kevin G. Nicol & Associates.

Founded in 1981 and incorporated in 1991, the independent financial services agency specializes in estate planning, insurance and related financial planning.

Pediatrician JAMIL RANA has announced that he is now associated with Dr. Shafiq Ahmad at 3165 Myrtle in Granite City.

LINDA J. VINCENT, a Granite City resident and chief operating officer of Deaconess

Central Hospital in St. Louis, has received the Early Career Healthcare Executive Regents Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives. The award recognizes ACHIE members who have significantly contributed toward the advancement of health care management excellence and the achievement of the goals of ACHIE.

Vincent received the award on Nov. 6 at the Missouri Hospital Association's 76th Annual Convention with William C. Schoenhard, the college regent for the Missouri Gateway Area and executive vice president/CEO for SSM Healthcare in St. Louis.

Vincent, who has more than 24 years in health care management, was named chief operating officer at Deaconess Central last June.

PAMELA J. WISE of Granite City recently left the Wood River firm of Hopkins Goldenberg, PC, to start her own law practice in East Alton. Wise has practiced in the area of asbestos litigation for nearly eight years and will continue to practice in this area in her new firm, located in The Gravemann Building. Wise is on the Board of Managers of the Illinois Trial Law-

yers Association and is a member of the Board of Directors of Easter Seals of Southwestern Illinois.

DOUG MITCHEM has been promoted to vice president-operations at Illinois-American Water Co.

In his new role, Mitchem will oversee operations of the company's five districts: Interurban (Granite City, Belleville and East St. Louis), Alton, Cairo, Peoria and Pekin.

## CBAI Foundation sponsoring 13th annual scholarship competition

The CBAI Foundation for Community Banking has announced its 1999 Annual Scholarship Program which enables Illinois high school seniors to enter a statewide

essay-writing contest. The goal of the program, sponsored by CBAI member banks and thrifts, is to increase public awareness of community banks and their

contributions. Again this year, the 13th anniversary of the program, the total amount of money offered is \$16,500. A scholarship in the amount

of \$1,000 a year for up to four years of higher education will be awarded to the author of the best essay submitted to the CBAI Foundation by a participating Illinois high

school senior. As many as 12 additional \$1,000 awards are available, one in each of the remaining 12 CBAI-designated regions of the state.

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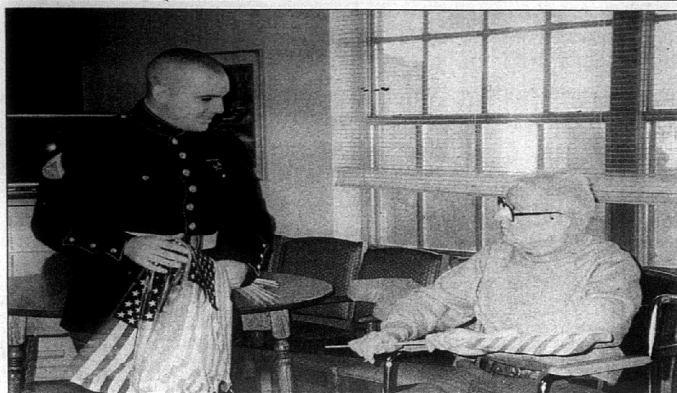
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While home on leave during Veterans Day, Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew S. James visited with residents at the Colonades Nursing Home and also with veterans at Colonial Haven, where he distributed American flags. James was recently promoted to his current rank following his graduation from F/A-18 ordnance training in Jacksonville, Fla., and was assigned to a squadron based in Japan for his next duty assignment.

## Military News

Marine Pfc. MATTHEW S. JAMES was recently promoted to the rank of lance corporal at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla., where he completed his training at Strike Fighter Weapons School in Aviation Ordinance for the F/A-18.

After leave with his parents, Steven and Marianne James of Granite City, James reported to his next duty station with a Marine F/A-18 squadron in Iwakuni, Japan, for a one-year assignment.

Friends can write to him at LCPL Matthew S. James, VMFA 212 Ord, UIC 37300, FPO AP 96603-7300.

Army Pvt. ERIC W. INGRAM has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky.,

to complete basic combat training.

During the training, Ingram will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Ingram, a 1987 graduate of Madison Senior High School, is the son of Ruby L. Ingram of Venice.

Air Force Airman 1st Class DEONDRÉ M. WARE has arrived for duty at Ramstein Air Base, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Ware is a fitness services journeyman assigned to the 86th Services Squadron.

A 1997 graduate of Madison Senior High School, Ware is the son of Catherine A. Ware of Venice and the nephew of Marie Collins of Madison.

*Do you have a military item for this column? The Press-Record-Journal particularly wants pictures of your loved ones in action where they are serving. If possible, do not send the only copy you have of a picture.*

Send your photos and military news to: the Granite City Press-Record-Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

## American Legion holds gift shop

The American Legion Auxiliary held a "Christmas Gift Shop" at the John Cochran VA Hospital in St. Louis.

This was held on Nov. 30 through Dec. 3. The Christmas Gift Shop was held each year during the first week of December for the patients in the hospital. The patients can select gifts for their wife and any children under 18 years of

age living at home. These are wrapped on bright paper, tagged, and given to the patients to present to their loved ones on Christmas. Gifts are donated by the Auxiliary units in Missouri and Metro East.

Cecilia Jannings, Missouri's hospital representative, and Dorothy Hinson, Illinois associate hospital representative, were chairs for

the event. Those assisting from Illinois for the decorating of the activity room on Nov. 27 and Nov. 28 were Mary Lamoreaux, Kenny Lamoreaux, Wilma Morris, Ray Norris, Paula Riggs, Roger Riggs, all from Collinsville Post 365; Mike Murphree of East St. Louis Post 35; and Dorothy Hinson of Venice-Madison Unit 307.

## Homemakers meet at Hope

The district meeting of the Southwestern Madison County Association of Homemakers Extension met at Hope Lutheran Church Nov. 5.

The Granite City Unit was hostess for the evening. Those attending from the unit were Mary Thebeau, Mary Evelyn Yencho, Sophie Thomas, Flo Stokes, Ann Konopka, Ann Pates, Ann Miller and Vincine Zerlan.

The short business meeting was conducted by district president Gloria Hoerer. There were 32 members present with two guests. The new officers are Sara Hubbard, Vice President, and Mary Evelyn Yencho, Treasurer. The other officers will remain in office.

An informative program was given by JoAnn Kahlert King on holiday decorating. Several of her decorations were given as attendance prizes.

Cake, cookies and coffee was served by the Granite City Unit.

## Chouteau seniors hold chili supper

The Chouteau Township Senior Citizens club held their annual Chili Supper and Quilt Raffle drawing Oct. 22, at the Chouteau Township Hall.

The chili supper drew a great crowd, and young and old alike enjoyed the cakewalks. Many volunteer hours went into this effort, and the community support was wonderful.

The quilt was won by Theresa Johnson, a Granite City High School teacher. Other winners included Eddie Baker of Florissant, Mo., \$50; Missy Jones of Granite City, \$25; and Mike Fletcher of Bowland Lanes in Granite City, \$10.

Proceeds from the event will go to senior programs in Chouteau Township which enable senior citizens to enhance the quality of their lives.

## Calendar

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Room, enter through the Fellowship Hall door on the east side of the building. There is no charge. For more information phone Roger Zollars, any evening, at 626-5488.

**LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS SUPPORT GROUP** sub-chapter of Illinois Lupus Foundation, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, Memorial Hospital auditorium, Belleville, 233-7750, extension 5860.

**PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN**, St. Louis Chapter, 8 to 10 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. For more information call 452-2149 or (314) 391-2230.

**SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP**, sponsored by Nameoki United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday of each month. For meeting time and place, call the church at 877-1936.

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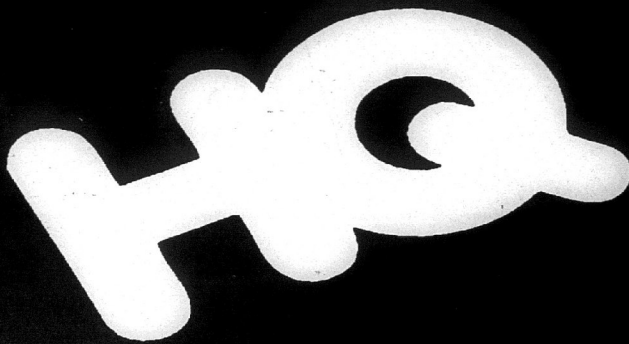
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## News



### Five generations

Five generations of the Brown family gathered together in Granite City to celebrate the birth of a new member of the family. Those celebrating included, front row, from left, great-great grandmother Verna Nolen of Granite City and great-grandmother Frances Brawner of St. Petersburg, Fla.; back row, from left, father Aaron Brown of Granite City, son Aaron Brown Jr. of Granite City and grandmother Alexis Brown of Granite City.

### Venice-Madison Legion Auxiliary holds meeting

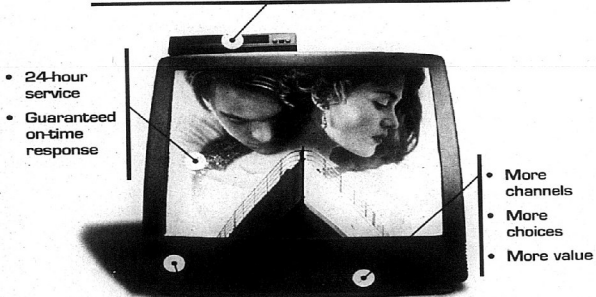
Venice-Madison Unit 907, American Legion Auxiliary, held its Christmas meeting at the home of Dolores Weis. The past presidents were hostesses. Past Presidents are Dorothy Hinson, Norma Hillmer, Dolores Weis, Mary Ballentine and Kate Buechele. The business meeting was conducted by Auxiliary President Joyce Pittenger. Greeting cards were signed for the ill members and ones in nursing homes. Dolores Weis, Community Service Chairman, announced bingo games at Colonial Haven Nursing Dec. 10 and at the Colonades Nursing Home Dec. 17. Dorothy Hinson, junior

adviser, reported meeting and making tray favors for Alton Mental Health Center. Plans to go to Jefferson Barracks Nursing Home on Dec. 12 for a bingo party. Bette Nugent, national security chair, will take items to the McDonnell USO center at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport for their lunch on "Exodus Days" for the military. Mary Ballentine, VA and R co-chair, reported sending cards of sympathy and get well to post members. Dorothy Hinson, VA and R co-chair, reported taking snack crackers and white handkerchiefs to the patients at the Marion VA Nursing Home Nov. 20. A

report was made on the bedside visit to the patients at the John Cochran VA Hospital in St. Louis Nov. 19. Those members assisting were Pauline Mersinger, Bette Nugent, Rose Cooper and Dorothy Hinson, associate hospital representative. The upcoming fourth Metro-East Veterans Standdown, scheduled to be held Jan. 30 at the Collinsville American Legion post, was discussed. Members will be participating in this event. More plans will be discussed at the January meeting. Joyce Pittenger, Auxiliary president, received a note of thanks from Nan Paetz on her visit to Unit 307.

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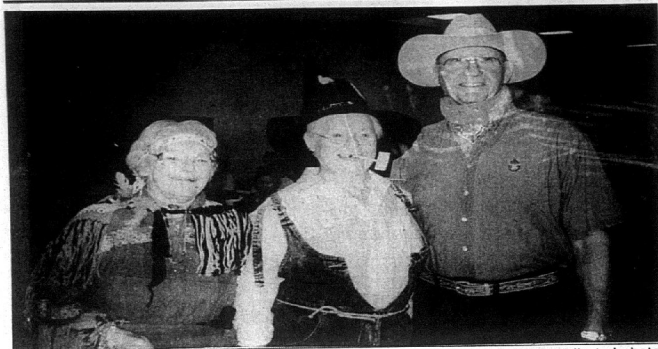
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## AARP winners

The Granite City AARP chapter recently held a Halloween dance and costume contest at Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall in Granite City. Costume contest winners were, from left, Marie Benson, first; Betty Smalley, second; and Wally Verbrich, third. A total of 120 seniors attended the function.

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## Overton elected to state township officials board

Barbara Overton, Chouteau Township Clerk, was unanimously elected to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Township Officials of Illinois during the Association's 91st annual Educational Conference held in Peoria Nov. 8-11.

TOI, the largest statewide organization of its kind, annually conducts a series of training

programs and educational conferences, with the November Educational Conference being the largest.

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## Live trees add character

Manytimes, Christmas is celebrated with an artificial tree. If you have something special to celebrate or remember this year or if you are need of a landscape tree, why not consider using a live tree?

Some considerations need to be taken when using a live tree. Use only locally grown or adapted trees. Trees from other areas may not grow well here.

The tree comes with a ball of dirt and roots that must be considered. This "ball" will add about 18-24 inches to the tree's height, so plan accordingly, as you cannot cut it off.

One big difference between a cut tree and a living tree is the length of time it can be set up in a home. A rule of thumb is that two weeks is long enough, with three weeks being the maximum.

Make sure that the tree receives adequate water while indoors, and try to locate it away from any heat source. The tree's root ball should be kept damp but not saturated. Use lights with small bulbs to avoid injuring the branches.

## Paperwhites &amp; Amaryllis tips from the experts at

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Amaryllis bulbs produce large size blooms atop hearty stems. Complete planting kits including bulbs, pots, soil and instructions are available in a wide range of bloom colors.

Paperwhites produce smaller white blooms. Both varieties will add fresh blooming beauty and color to your home.

## Planting Amaryllis

Before planting, soak the bulb in lukewarm water for several hours. If you're not ready to plant immediately after purchasing, we recommend storing it in a cool area. Plant Amaryllis in a pot slightly larger than the bulb. About one third of the bulb should rise above the rim of the pot. Press the soil around the bulb firmly and water.

For best results, place in direct sunlight and water sparingly until the bud has begun to develop. When green sprouts begin to show, you'll want to give the plant more water.

Planting Paperwhites Paperwhites are ideal for any light condition from partial shade to full sun and, like Amaryllis, will bloom in about 30 days.

Planting them is easy. Choose a 3- to 4-inch deep pot with or without drainage holes and follow these instructions:

## For containers without drainage holes:

1. Place 1 to 2 inches of washed gravel or small stones in the bottom of the container.
2. Carefully place the bulbs on the gravel or stones.
3. Place enough gravel or stones around the bulbs to hold them in place.
4. Add enough water to bring the water level to just below the base of the bulbs.
5. Maintain water at this level. The bulb should never be in contact with the water.

## For containers with drainage holes:

1. Use a well-drained potting medium.
2. Plant bulbs with the nose of the bulbs even with the rim of the pot.
3. Water thoroughly after planting.
4. Keep moist.

## Plant care tips

Naturally, you'll want to get the most out of your holiday plants. Watch Wednesday's Journal for some timely tips on the care of poinsettias and Christmas cactus.

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No appliance in the kitchen does every task well. A microwave oven dutifully does its part to create a happy, colorful, delicious, easy array of treats.  
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### Lively Taste

Take a tip from 21, the well-known restaurant in New York City. Its turkey burger is more than meat. Sauté 1 cup diced mushrooms in 1 tablespoon hot oil, stirring often, until lightly browned. Add 4 tablespoons minced shallot. Season with salt and pepper. In bowl, mix cooled mushrooms with 2 cups diced, cooked turkey, 4 tablespoons diced tomato, 4 tablespoons chopped chives, 1 cup fresh bread crumbs, 4 teaspoons chopped fresh or 1 teaspoon dried thyme and 3 eggs. Divide and shape mixture into at least 4 patties. Coat lightly with more fresh bread crumbs. Cook in another 1 tablespoon oil until golden brown on both sides. For a light lunch, serve on rolls alongside steamed vegetables.

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A severe allergic reaction requires quick response.  
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### Fresh Picks

Serving a dip or spread directly on fresh vegetables takes only a few minutes to prepare, but saves a large area on a serving table and creates appetizers that are easy for self-serving. Green and red peppers are seasonally colored choices. Carrots and celery are traditional and serviceable. Radishes can be split (cut a sliver from the outer surface so they sit stably on trays and plates) and cucumber, yellow squash and zucchini can be sliced crosswise to provide a flat surface for a dollop of topping. Another vegetable that holds up well is jicama. Peel, then slice it 1/4-inch thick. Pieces can be cut in diagonal or round shapes or use small cookie cutters in holiday shapes. Glamorize the serving plate with frilly green onions. Slice the green part of the onion lengthwise several times just down to the white part so it stays attached. When placed in ice water, the green edge becomes curly.

### Big Fat Tip

Lemon and rosemary give punch to artichoke spread. In a medium bowl, mix 1 can (14 ounces) artichoke hearts, drained and chopped; 3/4 cup nonfat mayonnaise; 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese; 2 teaspoons lemon juice; 1-1/2 teaspoons minced fresh or 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary; 1 clove garlic, minced; 3 slices turkey bacon, cooked and crumbled; and pinch of ground red pepper. Mix well. Spoon into ungreased 1-quart casserole dish. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 25 to 30 minutes until thoroughly heated. Serve with pita bread triangles or fresh vegetables. Spread also can be microwaved on medium-high power 5 to 6 minutes, rotating half-turn after 3 minutes.

### Future Shop

Keep an eye on the dairy case for feta cheese combined with other flavors, including bean dips with sun-dried tomato and other cheeses, plus combinations with jalapeno pepper.

# Cookie Cure

## Suffering from holiday whiplash? Eat 2 cookies, go to bed early

By Janice Denham  
Staff writer

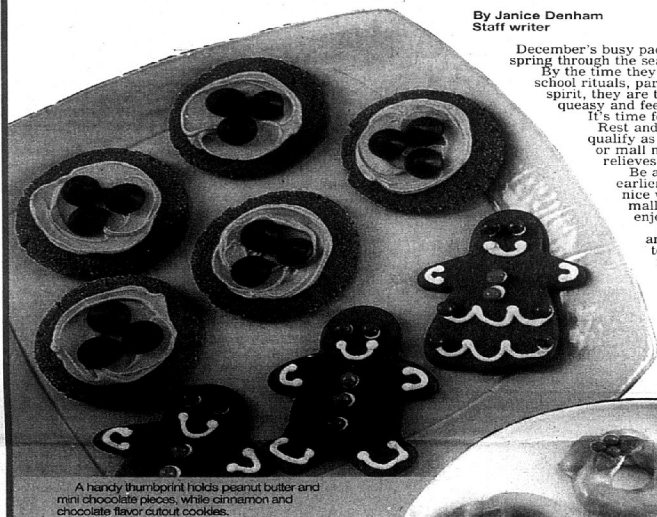
December's busy pace is only part of the holiday ritual. People spring through the season, expecting specialty foods like cookies. By the time they decorate, buy presents, attend church and school rituals, party and share other signs of the season's spirit, they are tucked out. Heads hurt, stomachs feel queasy and feet ache.

It's time for renewal. Rest and exercise are absolutely necessary. Both qualify as "down-time." Even a walk around the block or mall maintains and improves body function, relieves stress and burns extra calories.

Be aware of the mall's holiday hours. Going earlier or later than usual helps avoid crowds. In nice weather, walk around, instead of inside, the mall. Fresh air and less noise increases enjoyment of a quick stroll or energetic walk.

Face it. Cookies are going to happen — with any degree of luck. Any treat that has catered to the sweet tooth since the third century B.C. is not going to disappear soon.

Deciding to quit the habit cold-turkey can be disastrous to a person's resolve "to be good." To stay in control of eating events, eat regularly and don't skip meals so a



A handy thumbprint holds peanut butter and mint chocolate pieces, while cinnamon and chocolate flavor cutout cookies.

### ALMOND WREATHS

1 cup sugar  
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened  
3/4 cup shortening  
1/2 tsp. almond extract  
2 eggs  
4 cups flour  
1/2 cup finely chopped almonds  
Glaze

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.  
In large bowl, stir together sugar, margarine, shortening, almond extract and eggs until well mixed.  
Stir in flour and almonds.  
Shape dough into 1-1/4-inch balls. Roll each ball into rope 6 inches long. Form each rope into circle, crossing ends and tucking under. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.  
Bake in preheated oven 9 to 11 minutes until set but not brown. Remove from cookie sheet to racks. Cool completely.  
Spread with Glaze. Decorate as desired.  
Makes about 6 dozen cookies.  
Glaze: Stir together 3 cups confectioner's sugar, 4 to 5 tablespoons milk and, if desired, food color until spreadable.



Almond Wreaths and Rich Chocolate Holiday Cups are ready to satisfy the sweet tooth.

More cookie recipes on page 2

# Comforting Cocoa

Congenial cocoa conciliates, consoles and conspires to bring conviviality to cohorts and cronies. In addition, it warms heart and soul down to frozen toes when weather turns wintry. It is delicious after caroling. It mates well with cookies. For a gift, pack dry mix in a tin with a measuring spoon or in a mug. Perfectly Chocolate Hot Cocoa: Mix 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup cocoa and pinch of salt in a 2-quart saucepan. Stir in 1/3 cup hot water. Over medium heat, stir and bring to boil. Boil and stir 2 minutes. Add 4 cups milk. Stir and heat until hot, but do not boil. Remove from heat. Add 3/4 teaspoon vanilla. Beat with wire whisk until foamy.

Makes about six (6-ounce) servings; can be doubled.  
Optional variations: Add 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon; add 1/2 teaspoon mint extract or 3 tablespoons crushed hard peppermint candy; add 1 to 2 tablespoons instant coffee.

Hot Cocoa Mix: In large bowl, combine 2 cups nonfat dry milk, 3/4 cup sugar, 1/2 cup cocoa (can be Dutch process), 1/2 cup powdered creamer and pinch of salt. Blend well. Store in tightly covered container. Makes 3-3/4 cups mix, about 15 (six-ounce) servings.

Single serving: Place 1/4 cup mix in heatproof cup or mug. Add 3/4 cup boiling water. Stir to blend. Serve hot. Top with marshmallows, if desired.

Hot Cocoa for a Crowd: Stir together 1-1/2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup cocoa and 1/4 teaspoon salt in 4- to 6-quart saucepan. Heat 12 cups milk until hot, but not boiling. Gradually add to cocoa mixture, stirring until well blended. Stir in 4 teaspoons vanilla. Pour immediately in mugs or keep warm over very low heat up to 2 hours. At serving time, stir and pour into mugs. Garnish with whipped cream. If desired, sift cocoa over whipped cream. Makes 12 (six-ounce) servings.

## Kids' Cuisine



# Today's Food



Use the decorative basket after the gift is gone for enjoyment indoors or outside.

## Make personal gift with food, flowers in basket

A personalized basket is a gift guaranteed to please. Even if the recipient is not a close friend or relative, it almost always is easy to put together something that will be liked.

A clever theme basket is as much fun to assemble as it is to unwrap and enjoy. The only drawback is the basket itself often winds up gathering dust in a closet or even going out with the trash.

Now there is an alternative in baskets that will be used and appreciated as much as the contents.

This lovely flower bowl comes packed with everything needed to create a

personalized gift basket. Fill it with bath accessories, gourmet treats, fruit or almost anything else imaginable. Use the included ribbon, gift card, tissue filler, shrink-wrap bag, gold foil seal and instructions to make a professional-looking presentation.

Embossed with a classic grapevine design and finished in a soft sandstone patina, the bowl is indistinguishable from clay until it is lifted. Not only is it 90 percent lighter than clay, it is more durable and resists chipping, cracking or breaking in freezing weather. Once emptied of

goodies, it looks great on a porch or patio or even a dining table, filled with flowers or a lush plant.

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## Just desserts come red, white and elegant in hue

By Kathy Hanewinkel  
Correspondent

Every holiday season brings parties and the anticipation and enjoyment of shared treats.

**MICRO-RAVES**  
Tasty holiday desserts in holiday red add drama to the celebration. Serve them on a green plate for more seasonal color.

Both of these elegant desserts draw compliments. They can be made ahead for extra convenience.

A microwave, even with holiday magic, cannot do everything. Berries on a Cloud needs a microwave oven or aid from a conventional or toaster oven.

Home economist Kathy Hanewinkel specializes in microwave cooking.

### CHOCOLATE-CHERRY TARTS

1 bar (8 oz.) milk chocolate candy  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine  
30 large marshmallows  
1/3 cup milk  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1/2 tsp. almond extract  
1/2 cup whipping cream, sweetened and whipped  
21 oz. cherry pie filling

Break chocolate in pieces. Add butter. Microwave 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 minutes, stirring once until softened. Stir until smooth.

Line 12 muffin or custard cups with paper liners. Divide chocolate mixture evenly among cups. Spread chocolate evenly along bottom and sides, using back of spoon or brush. Refrigerate to set.

In bowl, microwave marshmallows and milk 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 minutes until marshmallows puff. Stir until smooth. Refrigerate about 45 minutes until partially set.

Fold sour cream, almond extract and whipped topping into marshmallow mixture. Spoon into chocolate cups, filling each three-fourths full. Using back of spoon, make slight indentation in mixture. Refrigerate 3 to 4 hours.

Remove paper liners from cups. Place on serving tray. Just before serving, spoon pie filling into each cup.

### BERRIES ON A CLOUD

6 egg whites at room temperature  
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar  
1-1/2 cups plus 1/3 cup sugar  
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 pt. heavy whipping cream, whipped until stiff  
2 cups mini marshmallows  
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen sweetened raspberries  
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen sweetened strawberries  
1 tsp. cornstarch  
1 tsp. Grand Marnier liqueur, if desired

Preheat oven to 275 degrees.

In large mixing bowl, beat egg white and cream of tartar until frothy. Gradually add 1-1/2 cups sugar until mixture holds stiff peaks.

Spread in ungreased 13-by-9- or 12-by-8-inch baking pan. Bake or convection 20 minutes. Reduce temperature to 300 degrees and continue baking 40 to 45 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool completely.

In large bowl, microwave cream cheese on high power 45 to 60 seconds until softened. Beat until creamy. Beat in 1/3 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Fold in whipped cream and marshmallows.

Spoon cream mixture onto cooled meringue. Spread evenly. Cover. Refrigerate at least 12 hours.

In bowl, microwave frozen raspberries and strawberries 3 to 3-1/2 minutes on high power until almost thawed.

Drain juices into glass measure. Blend in cornstarch. Microwave 2-1/2 to 3 minutes on high power, stirring twice, until it boils. Stir in liqueur and fruits. Cool. Cut dessert in squares. Spoon sauce on top.

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feeling fine.  
Drink lots of water. Eat cookies with milk or juice instead of coffee or other drinks with caffeine.

Instead of grabbing a handful or filling a plate, enjoy two favorite cookies and stow the rest out of sight to share with guests later or as gifts.

For long-term freshness, wrap them tightly and freeze them. It only takes about 10 minutes for frozen cookies to thaw in a single layer on a plate.

Savor every bite. Don't rush. Make cookies you truly enjoy eating, like these that are as inviting to see as they are to eat.

### RICH CHOCOLATE HOLIDAY CUPS

1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine or butter, softened  
1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
1/3 cup sugar

### CHOCOLATE COUTOUT COOKIES

2-3/4 cups flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 to 1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
3 tsp. sugar  
3 tsp. margarine or butter, softened  
1/2 cup light corn syrup  
1 pkg. (10 oz.) semi-sweet mini Kisses, melted, cooled  
1/4 cup water  
1 tub (16 oz.) creamy vanilla frosting  
Decorative holiday candy and sprinkles  
Colored sugar

In small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon.  
In medium bowl, vigorously stir together sugar

3/4 cup flour  
1/4 cup cocoa powder  
Chocolate Filling  
Vanilla Glaze  
6 maraschino cherries, each cut in 4 strips

Using electric mixer on medium speed, beat margarine and cream cheese in large bowl until well blended. Beat in sugar until creamy. Beat in flour and cocoa until well blended. Refrigerate, covered, about 2 hours until easy to shape.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 24 mini muffin cups.

Shape dough into 24 balls. Press each ball onto bottom and side of muffin cup.

Divide Chocolate Filling evenly among each.

Bake in preheated oven 16 to 18 minutes until set.

Cool 20 minutes.

Remove from pan. Cool completely.

Drizzle Vanilla Glaze over tops. Garnish each with piece of maraschino cherry.

and margarine until creamy. Thoroughly stir in corn syrup and melted chocolate. Gradually stir in flour mixture alternately with water until smooth.

Divide dough in half. Wrap each half in plastic wrap. If necessary, refrigerate about 20 minutes until firm enough to roll.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Using lightly floured rolling pin, roll half the dough at a time on floured surface until 1/4-inch thick. Cut in holiday shapes, such as stars, candy canes, gingerbread people and bells. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake in preheated oven 5 to 6 minutes until edges are set; centers will be slightly soft.

Cool slightly. Remove from cookie sheet to racks.

### CHOCOLATE-PEANUT BUTTER THUMBPRINTS

10 oz. peanut butter chips  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine or butter, softened  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 egg  
1-1/2 cups flour  
1/2 cup cocoa powder  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
Granulated sugar  
Semi-sweet mini Kisses

Melt 1/2 cup peanut butter chips. Cool.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Using medium speed of electric mixer, beat 1/2 cup granulated sugar, brown sugar, margarine, vanilla and egg in large bowl until fluffy. Beat in melted chips.

Stir flour, cocoa and baking soda into creamy mixture until well blended.

Shape dough by level tablespoonful into ball. Roll in granulated sugar. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Using bottom of glass, flatten to 1/4-inch thickness. Press thumb in center of each.

Bake in preheated oven 6 to 8 minutes until just set. Remove from oven. If necessary to hold depression, press tip of spoon into thumbprint of each cookie. Immediately place 1 teaspoonful peanut butter chips in each.

Let stand 1 to 2 minutes until softened. Spread. Garnish each with 3 mini Kisses.

## When concocting cookies...

Here are tips for making cookies:

\* Make sure all ingredients are fresh and available before starting to mix a recipe.

\* Measure properly. Slide a table knife across the top of the measuring cup to level off dry ingredients. Measure liquid ingredients in a see-through cup at eye level.

\* Use shiny cookie sheets without sides for evenly browned drop cookies. The more fat in a cookie, the less greasing with shortening or coating with nonstick cooking spray is needed on cookie sheets to prevent sticking.

\* Drop dough or cut slices in even amounts for even baking.

\* When making bar cookies, spread dough evenly in the prepared pan. Another handy way to bake them is to line the bottom of the pan with aluminum foil, leaving extra hang over the edges. Grease, if directed. After cooling, lift the uncut cookie from the pan, using the foil, to transfer it to a cutting board.

For even browning, bake one cookie sheet at a time on the center rack.

\* Unless otherwise directed, cool drop cookies 1 to 2 minutes on the cookie sheet, then transfer to racks, using a wide metal spatula, to cool completely.

\* Bar cookies usually cut better if cool, but not too solid.

\* Cool cookies completely before storing.

## Heartfelt gifts of food can be good for heart

By Jackie Lanfker  
Correspondent

The season is here for holiday gift-giving. Panic may be setting in. Standing out on the list are names of those who are loved but do not make

**HEARTY BITES**  
piping hot, suitable gift

easy. Consider giving one of these gifts that come from the heart, but also are good for the heart:

\* A beautifully-wrapped, home-baked loaf of sweet bread. Quick breads are easy and tasty. Oatmeal and fruit in the recipe add soluble fiber, both of which are beneficial for heart health. Take the easy

extra step to use 2 egg whites in place of each whole egg or yolk-free egg product to keep the bread cholesterol-free.

\* For those watching salt and sodium when they eat, small jars of herbs and spices make helpful, helpful gifts.

Options are endless. Place herbs, spices or blends of each in single-serving baby food jars or use a shaker jar. Decorate jars with a circle of fabric and tie with ribbon or raffia. Don't forget ingredient labels. For added benefit, include favorite recipes that use the gift spices.

\* Jars of jam, spread, relish and chutney please taste buds that perk up for "sweet" and "tangy-sweet." For holiday flair, cranberry-orange relish is in order. Whatever the choice, keep the product refrigerated or frozen if made very early.

\* Holiday canisters of homemade snack foods are a handy possibility. Low-fat, low-sodium snacks are ideal. Cereal mixtures are flavorful and easy. Combinations can vary from spicy to sweet, depending on the choice of ingredients.

Another delicious low-fat snack is seasoned popcorn. Slimmer's Popcorn Treat from the "Heart Holiday Cookbook" of the American Heart Association, Iowa Affiliate (1998), is a gourmet treat.

Registered dietitian Jacqueline Lanfker is a former staff member of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

### SLIMMER'S POPCORN TREAT

5 qt. popped corn  
1/4 cup soft diet margarine  
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese  
1 tsp. thyme, crushed  
1/4 tsp. onion powder  
1/4 tsp. garlic powder

Pop corn. Keep warm in pan in oven no hotter than 200 degrees.

Cream together margarine, cheese, thyme, onion and garlic powder. Pour off any water that works out of margarine. Toss with popped corn.

Yields about five (1-cup) servings; 45 calories, 2 g fat, 42 mg sodium and 12 mg cholesterol each.



# Today's Food

## WALNUT-STUDDERED GEMS

Roll one roll (18 ounces) refrigerated sugar cookie dough into 1-inch balls. Sprinkle dough with flour to minimize sticking, if necessary. Roll balls in 1 cup finely chopped walnuts.

Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake in preheated 350° oven about 10 minutes until light brown. Makes 2½ dozen cookies.

## Quick treatment counters severe allergic reaction

By Rebecca Coley  
Correspondent

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction. The most common and significant effect is difficult breathing. The reaction can occur quickly and be life-threatening, so prompt treatment is absolutely essential.

**MEDICINE CHEST** Allergic reactions can happen after several exposures to an irritant.

For example, some drug allergies do not show up until someone takes the medication one or two times. The initial reaction can be mild with a rash or hives. On subsequent exposure, the reaction quickly can turn into something severe, such as impaired breathing. All these reactions occur because cells in the body release histamine in response to some chemical. Histamine causes itching, watery eyes, and a stuffy nose. In extreme cases, breathing can be difficult.

Antihistamines, named appropriately, work against histamine. They work much better if taken before the cells release histamine. With an allergic reaction, however, the treatment responds to a problem that is occurring.

Antihistamines help in 30-plus minutes, but do not have an immediate effect. Epinephrine injections can reverse allergic reactions quickly. There are at least two epinephrine injection kits on the market. Each contains syringes with epinephrine and instructions on how to use it. People with severe allergies should have kits available at all times.

Registered pharmacist Rebecca Coley is a board member of the Saint Louis College of Pharmacy Alumni Association. Questions for her to answer in "Medicine Chest" can be e-mailed to her at [rcoley@htsml.com](mailto:rcoley@htsml.com) or sent to: Medicine Chest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

## Rice becomes real hot dish

With the popularity of Mexican food has come appreciation for Spanish rice. Packaged mixes are becoming common in the supermarket.

**TEST RUN** Old El Paso recently came on the shelf with Spanish rice and cheesy Mexican rice (\$1.69 each, all priced at Dierbergs). Each needs only water and 1 tablespoon margarine. They need to simmer 20 to 25 minutes, then sit 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

The cheesy Mexican rice was tested by a family that uses other packaged rice dishes. He said the price would determine whether he would buy it again. "It cooked up real nice, but wasn't as cheesy as I expected from reading the box. It had a very, very slight spicy taste that didn't go over well at first with my young son, though, he ended eating quite a bit by the end," he said. His younger daughter had no problem with the rice. She "ate every bit of what I put on her plate, so the taste wasn't too spicy for her."

The tester likes hot flavors, so he added pepper sauce to his own serving. He thought "it would be a dandy side dish for any meal, particularly one with a Mexican flavor."

The test of Old El Paso Spanish rice according to the microwave directions went well. Because the rice needs to absorb the liquid, cooking time is about the same by either dish.

"I was particularly pretty, with pieces of green and red pepper. I found it a little soupy at first. It was better when it was left to sit. It sure couldn't be easier for the looks though," she said. The spice aroma was familiar to her. She thought it might be more like a package of taco seasoning. "I guess the price is OK if you take the seasoning into account with the rice and the attractive looks of the finished dish, but otherwise it seems a little steep," she said.

Another tested a packet of Lipton Spanish rice and sauce (75 cents). She called it "medium" in seasoning.

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# Today's Food

## Muffins wrap up like a fruitcake

Chris Gavenda, Wildwood, is this week's winner of dinner certificates to the Pasta House Co. for Cherry Fruitcake Muffins.

### BLUE RIBBON COOK

A light batter holds a load of both candied and maraschino cherries, as well as walnuts. Using the liquid from maraschino cherries, the light and sweetly spiced batter turns pink. For a sampling party, they can be baked in colorful paper liners and cut in half. Gavenda likes them for holiday gifts, too.

This month's contest is open to foods using Ham, Soups, appetizers, brunch and main dishes are among its favorite uses. Any type is welcome. A recipe should be postmarked by Dec. 31 and sent to: Ham Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131. It also can be e-mailed to westnews@primary.net.

Each Wednesday in January a winner will be chosen on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. That means there will be four winners, each one shared with Today's Food readers.

If possible, tell where the recipe came from and share specific information about special touches that give it a personal signature or a story about when it was served or developed. Indicate which *Journal* newspaper you receive. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

### CHERRY FRUITCAKE MUFFINS

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 jar (16 oz.) maraschino cherries, drained, reserving 1/2 cup juice
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) candied cherries, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 6 eggs
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 300°. In small bowl, mix together flour, baking powder and spices. Add maraschino cherries with paper towels and chop coarsely. Reserve a few candied cherry pieces for tops.

In medium bowl, toss maraschino and candied cherries and nuts with 1/2 cup flour mixture. Cream butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Using low speed of electric mixer, gradually beat in remaining flour mixture alternately with reserved juice. Stir in walnuts and fruit.

Fill muffin cups with batter. Garnish with candied cherries. Bake in preheated oven 25 to 30 minutes until solid. Let cool a few minutes before removing and cooling on racks.

### SNOWBALLS

Prepare 1 package (2 layers) fudge cake mix according to package directions. Bake in greased and floured muffin pans or use paper liners to make 24 muffins. Cool on racks.

In large bowl, combine 2 cups confectioner's sugar, 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, 3 tablespoons milk and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Beat until smooth.

Spread frosting lightly on each cupcake. Dust each with about 1 to 2 tablespoons flaked coconut. Makes 24 cupcakes.

### CAFE VIENNA

- 1/2 cup instant coffee
- 1/2 cup sugar (or sugar substitute equivalent)
- 2 1/2 cup nonfat dry milk
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

In blender, process coffee granules, sugar, dry milk and cinnamon until powdered.

To prepare: Use 2 teaspoons mix to 1 cup hot water. If sugar substitute is used, reduce amount of mix. Yields about 1 1/4 cups mix, about 30 servings; 11 calories, 1 g protein, 2 g carbohydrate, no fat, trace cholesterol and 24 mg sodium each.

### SWISS MOCHA

- 1/2 cup instant coffee
- 1/2 cup sugar (or sugar substitute equivalent)
- 1 cup nonfat dry milk
- 2 tbsp. cocoa powder

In blender, process coffee, sugar, dry milk and cocoa until powdered.

To prepare: In each 1/2 cup hot water use 2 tablespoons mix, less if sugar substitute is used.

Yields about 2 cups mix, seventeen (1/2-cup) servings; 45 calories, 2 g protein, 9 g

carbohydrate, trace fat, 1 mg cholesterol and 23 mg sodium, using sugar.

### COCOA MIX

- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. dry coffee creamer, if desired
- 1 cup nonfat dry milk
- Marshmallows, if desired

In bowl, mix cocoa, sugar, creamer, dry milk and marshmallows together well. Store in covered container.

To prepare: Stir about 2 tablespoons cocoa mix into 1 cup hot water.

Yields about 12 servings; 87 calories, 3 g protein, 13 g carbohydrate, trace fat, 2 mg cholesterol and 110 mg sodium each.

### MULLING SPICE BLEND

- 1/2 cup instant orange-flavored breakfast drink
- 1/2 cup instant lemon-flavored drink mix with sugar
- 3/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. cloves
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg

In small bowl, mix orange and lemon drink mixes,

## Beverage mixes condense smart ideas for easy and daily giving

By Jananne Finck  
Correspondent

A special homemade gift can say "thank you" without taking a week to make or a promissory note for repayment. Grab instant beverages and head to the kitchen for an easy

"fix."

By combining instant beverages and a few other ingredients in the pantry,

**WISE WAYS** mixes with new flavor combinations are ready for

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Registered dietitian Jananne Finck is nutrition and wellness educator for University of Illinois Extension in Springfield.

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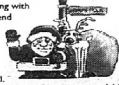
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Santa's elves just need a little help from you in order for Santa to write his letter. Simply fill out the order form below, and mail with a minimum gift of \$5.00 per letter to Kids in the Middle, Inc.

Please PRINT the following information for each child or adult who will receive a letter from Santa:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ But on Girl (sister) Age \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY - STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTHDAY (Month) \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Events such as learned to ride a bike, visited Disneyland, sports, school accomplishments): \_\_\_\_\_  
Please return by December 10 with a minimum gift of \$5 for each letter requested. Make check payable to Kids in the Middle.  
ADDITIONAL CUPS ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER (required) \_\_\_\_\_



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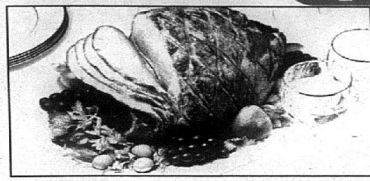
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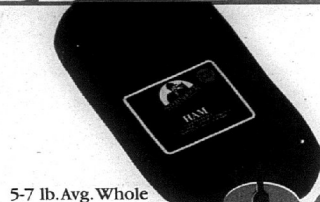
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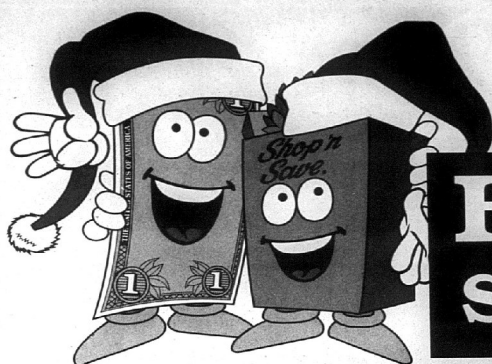
<p>2 liter Assorted Varieties <b>Best Choice Soda</b> <b>2/\$1</b></p>	<p>13.5 oz. Assorted Varieties <b>Lay's Potato Chips</b> <b>1.99</b></p>	<p>14.5 to 15.5 oz. Just For Chili Tomatoes or <b>Brooks Chili Hot Beans</b> <b>59¢</b></p>	<p>1/2 gallon Sherbet, Homemade, Yogurt Fat Free or <b>Edy's Grand Ice Cream</b> <b>2/\$6</b></p>
<p>California Large Heads <b>Iceberg Lettuce</b> <b>58¢</b> each</p>	<p>14-20 oz. pkg. Assorted Varieties <b>Nabisco Chips Ahoy or Oreo Cookies</b> <b>2/\$4</b></p>	<p>175 ct. <b>Kleenex Facial Tissue</b> <b>89¢</b></p>	<p>12-12 oz. cans Regular and Light <b>Milwaukee's Best Beer</b> <b>3.99</b></p>

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<p>Washington Jumbo <b>Anjou Pears</b> <b>68¢</b> lb.</p>	<p>Fresh Extra Large <b>Green Peppers</b> <b>3/\$1</b></p>	<p>12 oz. pkg. Assorted Varieties <b>Farmland Bun Size Smoked Sausage</b> <b>98¢</b></p>	<p>4 - 5 oz. pkg. Assorted Varieties <b>Oscar Mayer Lunchables</b> <b>98¢</b></p>	<p>12-16 oz. Regular or New Singles <b>Ballpark Franks</b> <b>1.38</b></p>	<p>16 oz. Assorted Varieties <b>Hillshire Farms Smoked Sausage</b> <b>1.68</b></p>
Real Values Dairy & Frozen		Real Values Grocery			
<p>12 inch Original or Great Combo <b>Jack's Pizza</b> <b>2/\$5</b></p>	<p>1 lb. Kraft <b>Parkay Margarine</b> <b>1.39</b></p>	<p>16 oz. Roundtop White <b>Best Choice Bread</b> <b>2/\$1</b></p>	<p>10 oz. Rotini, Shells, Mostaccioli <b>Best Choice Pasta</b> <b>1.59</b></p>	<p>10-11 oz. Assorted Varieties <b>Guy's Cheese Snacks</b> <b>2/\$3</b></p>	<p>12-12 oz. cans Assorted Varieties <b>Coke or Pepsi</b> <b>2.49</b></p>
<p>12 Pack <b>Povey Brown Cows</b> <b>2/\$3</b></p>	<p>16 oz. Best Choice <b>American Singles</b> <b>1.49</b></p>	<p>16 oz. Plain or Self Rising <b>Sunflower Corn Meal</b> <b>2/\$3</b></p>	<p>4 roll <b>Cottonelle Bath Tissue</b> <b>99¢</b></p>	<p>16 oz. Best Choice <b>Chocolate Chip Cookies</b> <b>1.69</b></p>	<p>2 liter Assorted Varieties <b>Coke or Pepsi</b> <b>88¢</b></p>
<p>11.5 oz. Assorted Varieties <b>Pillsbury Toaster Strudel</b> <b>2/\$4</b></p>	<p>8 oz. Assorted Varieties <b>Sargento Shredded Cheese</b> <b>1.79</b></p>	<p>16 oz. Assorted Varieties <b>Krispy Saltines</b> <b>1.39</b></p>	<p>18 oz. Crunchy or Creamy <b>Best Choice Peanut Butter</b> <b>1.69</b></p>	<p>8 oz. Sugar Sweet Assorted Varieties <b>Kool-aid</b> <b>1.49</b></p>	<p>12-12 oz. cans Assorted Varieties <b>7-Up, Dr. Pepper, Squirt, A&amp;W, Sunlight or Sunny Delight</b> <b>2.89</b></p>
<p>12.5 oz. Assorted Varieties <b>Hungry Jack Waffles</b> <b>4/\$5</b></p>	<p>1/2 gallon <b>Povey Pure Orange Juice</b> <b>1.19</b></p>	<p>14-16 oz. Assorted Varieties <b>Keebler Townhouse or Club Cracker</b> <b>2/4.88</b></p>	<p>32 oz. Best Choice <b>Long Grain Rice</b> <b>93¢</b></p>	<p>8 oz. Assorted Varieties <b>Best Choice Coffee Creamer</b> <b>1.09</b></p>	<p>30-12 oz. cans Regular or Light <b>Busch Beer</b> <b>12.99</b></p>
<p>7 oz. Best Choice <b>Whipped Topping</b> <b>99¢</b></p>	<p>8 oz. Regular or Lite <b>Sour Cream or Povey Onion Dip</b> <b>69¢</b></p>	<p>Assorted Varieties <b>Nabisco Snack Crackers</b> <b>3/\$5</b></p>	<p>32 oz. Dermassage <b>Liquid Dish Detergent</b> <b>88¢</b></p>	<p>16 to 20 oz. bottle Assorted Varieties <b>Minute Maid, Fruitopia</b> <b>2/\$1</b></p>	<p>46 oz. Dole <b>Pineapple Juice</b> <b>1.29</b></p>
<p>20 - 32 oz. Dinner Rolls, Hot Tots, Crispers, Potato Wedges, Crispy Ore Ida Potatoes <b>2/\$4</b></p>	<p>Quart <b>Povey Egg Nog</b> <b>1.49</b></p>	<p>13.5 oz. Assorted Varieties <b>Strongheart Dog Food</b> <b>4/\$1</b></p>	<p>17 oz. Extra Light or Extra Virgin <b>Bertolli Olive Oil</b> <b>3.99</b></p>	<p>64 oz. Best Choice <b>Cranberry Juice Cocktail</b> <b>2/\$4</b></p>	<p>46 oz. Best Choice <b>Tomato Juice</b> <b>99¢</b></p>

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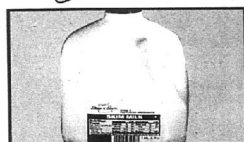
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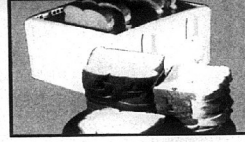
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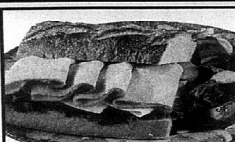


ASSORTED VARIETIES  
LIQUID DISHWASHING  
Dawn Ultra  
Detergent

**1.87**  
28-OZ.  
BTL.

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Downy  
Fabric Softener **2/6.97**  
1/2 GAL.

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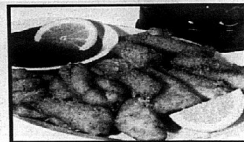
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Jennie-O  
Turkey Breast

**2.99**  
lb.



Fresh Baked  
Sub Buns

**99¢**  
4-CT.  
PKG.



FARM RAISED  
Catfish  
Nuggets

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lb.



Colgate  
Toothpaste

**69¢**  
4.6-OZ.  
PKG.



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Lotion

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GARLIC OR MSG-SUITE  
Emmber's  
Roast Beef..... **4.99**  
lb.

Patrick Cudahy  
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Provel  
Cheese..... **4.99**  
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MILD FLAKY  
Jumbo Cod  
Fillets..... **3.99**  
lb.

FARM RAISED  
Fresh  
Golden Trout..... **2.99**  
lb.

COOKED  
Salad  
Shrimp..... **3.99**  
lb.

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Sudafed..... **2.79**  
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3/4 INCH X 300 FEET  
Scotch  
Magic Tape..... **59¢**  
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Energizer  
Batteries..... **1.99**  
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Fire Starts..... **3.39**  
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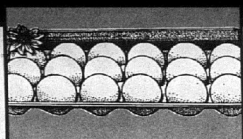


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Granulated Sugar**

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**97¢**  
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**1 1/2 Dozen  
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ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Carlo  
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Riunite.....

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OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$10.49  
Ten  
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Franzia.....

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Corona Light....

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Don't Drink  
& Drive**

**119**  
SOFT  
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Cream Cheese....

**2/\$3**  
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Cheese.....

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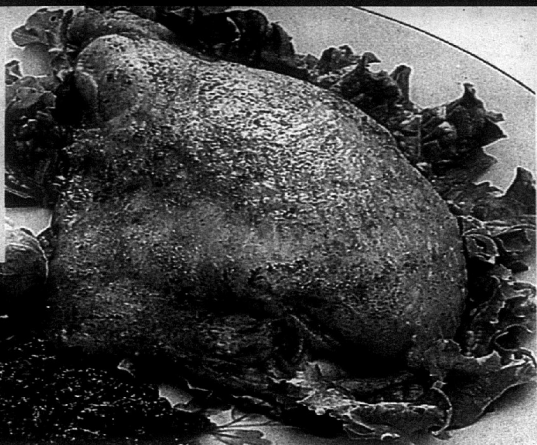


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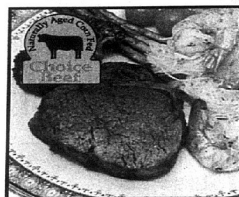
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Tyson Split  
Chicken Breast

**97¢**  
lb.  
LIMIT 3 PKGS.



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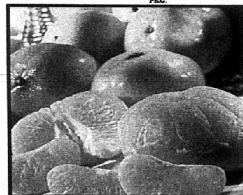
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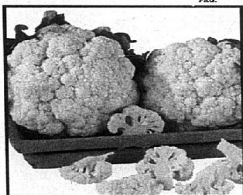
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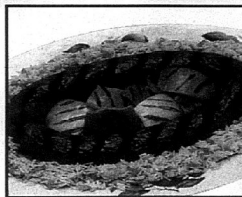


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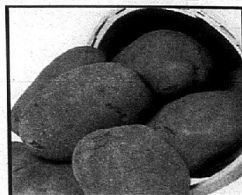
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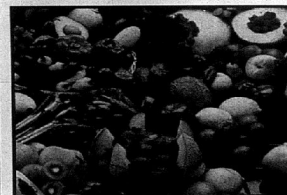
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## Intrigue gets high-tech engine it deserves

By Tom Strongman

**Engine:** 3.5-liter, V-6  
**Transmission:** Automatic  
**Wheelbase:** 109 inches  
**Curb Weight:** 3,434 pounds  
**Base Price:** \$22,575  
**Price as Driven:** \$25,885  
**MPG Estimate:** 19 city, 27 highway

Now that Oldsmobile's Intrigue is finally available with the 3.5-liter, twin-cam V-6 engine it so richly deserves, this mid-size sedan's maturity is on par with its competitors. Think of it as Aurora Jr. The Intrigue's muscular sheet metal certainly bears a strong resemblance to the Aurora, and now, with the new engine, it drives like it, too. The Intrigue initially was introduced with a 3.0-liter, 3000 Series II V-6 whose overhead-valve design, however efficient, lacked the high-tech sophistication necessary to be competitive with the best in this segment. While performance was more than adequate, the 3800 seems old-fashioned compared to the V-6 engines offered by Toyota, Honda and Nissan.

Enter the Premium V-6. This all-aluminum power plant has a lot in common with the Aurora V-6, although Oldsmobile's engineers insist the Premium V-6 is more than just an Aurora V-6 with two cylinders cut off. It cranks out 215 horsepower, 230

pound-feet of torque, has four valves per cylinder, and each spark plug has its own ignition coil. A thermoplastic intake manifold is designed to enhance both low-speed response and top-end power.

This engine currently is a \$395 option on the GX and GL models, and standard on the new GLS, a top-line model with leather seats, wood-grain trim, steering wheel controls, CD player and electrochromic rearview mirror.

In time, it will replace the 3800 in all Intrigues, and will find its way into future Oldsmobile and GM products as well.

Aside from its smooth power and willing demeanor, other highlights of this engine are:

Camshafts are driven by a series of chains, which should, according to Oldsmobile, provide lifetime durability because they never need to be replaced, unlike toothed rubber timing belts.

Accessories are mounted directly on the engine for less noise.

A "lump home" mode enables the engine to run without damage in case of a loss of coolant.

A computer predicts the real life of the oil based on driving habits.

On the road, this engine is a jewel. Not only does it sound great, but it moves out smartly from a stop and gathers speed almost as quickly as the Aurora with its larger V-6. Oldsmobile says it hits 60 mph in 7.8 seconds, a couple of tenths quicker than the Camry and Maxima.

The electronically controlled T105E transmission is the perfect mate, and it shifts with consummate ease.

Even though the Intrigue shares its 109-inch wheelbase with the Pontiac

Grand Prix, it feels like a much different car. The Grand Prix is sharper and firmer, more aggressive. The Intrigue, targeted at imports, meets them on their own ground with a ride that is supple and pleasant without undermining its ability to handle high-speed road work.

The Autobahn package of H-speed-rated tires and heavy-duty brakes components is now optional on the base GX in addition to the GL and GLS.

The Intrigue's interior design reflects the fact that Oldsmobile sees imported cars as its chief competitor. The instrument panel reflects a restrained approach. Gauges are attractive and simple. Secondary controls such as the radio and heating/cooling have large, easy-to-grab knobs that operate smoothly and have a quality feel.

A thick-rimmed, leather-wrapped steering wheel gives the driver confidence and reinforces the notion that the Intrigue is targeted at driving enthusiasts. Our test car's bucket front seats, covered in leather, were handsome as well as providing a wide range of support.

The addition of the Premium V-6 cures the Intrigue's only shortcoming relative to its import competitors. This engine uses regular, rather than premium, fuel and its larger size (3.5-liter vs. 3.0-liter in most of the competition) enables it to return better performance with similar fuel economy.

The base price of our GL test car was \$22,575. Options included leather seats, Bose CD player, trunk-mounted 12-disc CD changer, twin-cam V-6 and the Autobahn package.

The sticker price was \$25,885. The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

## Points & Plugs

Early auto companies missed today's "corporate welfare"

By Rick Stoff

More than 650 automobile companies were started in Missouri and Illinois after the dawn of the automobile age, mostly in the early years of 20th century.

About 530 Illinois car companies are listed in "The Standard Catalog of American Cars, 1905-1942." Chicago was the base of 337 of them, and other efforts were started in Alton (the Dorsett car) and Belleville (Diebold and Heinzelman). Jacksonville was the home of a car called the Hall Gasoline Trap, and Springfield claimed eight fledgling manufacturers.

Missouri shows up in old publications as the base of more than 150 automobile builders, with 115 of them in St. Louis. Baden offered a Baden car, and a St. Charles was built in St. Charles. Herculaneum was the home of the Grensfeider.

St. Louis cars included the Anheuser-Busch, Automotorette, Bluff Climber, Chicopee, Everybody's, Little Red Devil, Success, Tower Grove, Winner, and of course, St. Louis.

Many of these companies never actually sold a vehicle, and most were out of business by the end of the Great Depression. In those days, companies had to succeed on their own, without government assistance.

What if these companies were getting started today, when so much assistance is available? We might have cars coming out of our ears. And maybe the shed across the street.

A series in Time magazine says the federal government spends \$125 billion a year on "corporate welfare," including tax breaks, low-interest loans, price supports, protection from foreign competition, public land, access roads, utilities, environmental waivers, etc.

State and local governments are in the act, too, but these gifts are too numerous to track, and in some cases, government officials won't tell their citizens what they're giving to private businesses. Time found that governments often spend millions of dollars in hopes of creating or saving jobs that produce a few thousand dollars of tax base.

What benefits could the Long Silent car company of Hannibal or the Farmer's Auto folks in Kansas City be squeezing out of government to keep the assembly line moving — or from moving to Cape Girardeau?

If all those auto plants each employed 20 people who made political contributions, wrote letters to legislators and created voter campaigns using words like "jobs," "fairness" and "family values," think of the possibilities.

Business Week, saying "the pork is staggering," wrote that corporate money spent on government lobbying now may create a higher return on investment than money spent on product research and production equipment.

Many people wouldn't like the noise and pollution created by community car plants, but waving campaign checks and the "job" word would repel opposition like a vampire from garlic. They'd probably even let you build a road through a public park if you greeted palms as well as wheel bearings.

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**GROWING PAINS?** Large 3 bed-



**CHARMING 2 BEDROOM** with new carpet and kitchen. Recently painted inside and outside. Newer central. Basement full w/ garage. Priced in the 30's. LG501



**LOOKING FOR A GOOD BUY?** call about this one in West Madison. boy in breakfast room. Hurry! Buy on a large lot. Call for your price. LG466



**BETTER CALL LANDMARK** for the 3 bedroom ranch at the edge of town. Lots of lovely kitchen cabinets. Nice size rooms, new windows, newer water heater. The First To Own. This Home Is Going To Be A Winner! LG509 \$147,900

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**NICE 2 BEDROOM** could be 3 bedroom. Large dining room, nice size kitchen, partial basement with 2 car detached garage. LG982

rooms, 2 bath, finished basement with 4th bedroom and family room. New tilt-in windows, 26 garage. A rare find! Low 80's. LG 325



**NEWLY UPDATED DOLLHOUSE** 3BRD, 1BT, utility room, freshly painted. Detached oversized garage. Vinyl siding, new roof. Won't last long! \$33,500 GR446

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**RECENTLY REDUCED!** If you have heard of a larger home with a great price, call about this 3 bedroom ranch priced under \$100,000. LG238

**LOW, BUT MIGHTY - 3** rooms, but oh so nice. Move-in condition for a home that's freshly renovated and is updated. LG244

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**ALL BRICK COTTAGE** with covered front porch. Features hardwood flooring throughout, w/skinner fenced area for pets, w/skinner remodeled kitchen, additional area for pets. Call today. LG100 \$76,900 LG457

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<b>PRICED BELOW APPRAISAL:</b> 3 bed-room brick on quiet street. Finished basement. Very roomy back yard. Don't miss this exceptional buy!	<b>Neve Lucas</b> 762-2555	<b>Lucinda Schmidt</b> 583-6390
	<b>Jo Anne McGinnis</b> 681-7121	home, F/P in LR, tile floor kitchen, formal dining room, 2nd and 4 bedrooms.
	<b>Bernice Macfield</b> 738-0785	BR's. Master bedroom has full bath and walk-in closet. Fully equipped kitchen with granite counter.
	<b>Corinne Morris</b> 738-3412	<b>Renee Smith</b> 752-6226
	<b>Diane Monev</b> 738-0679	<b>Shirley Smith</b> 752-6226
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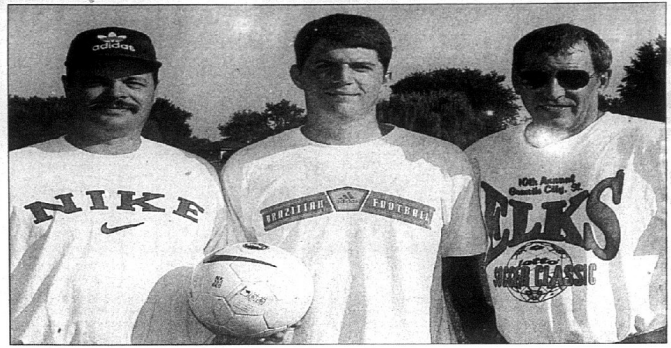
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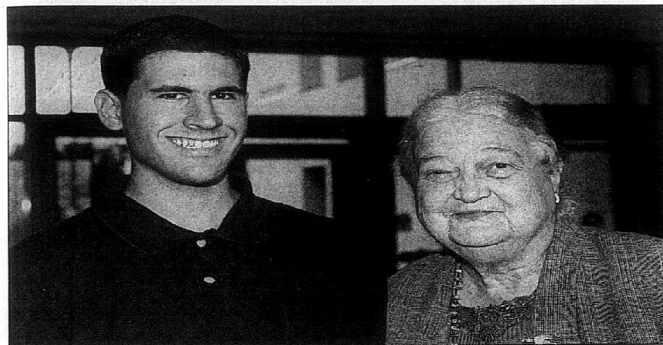


## Scholarship recipients

The Belleville Area College Foundation recently announced its 1998-99 scholarship recipients. Above left, students Monique Flager of Belleville, left, and Jeanna Shemonick of Steelville, recipients of U.S. Rep. Jerry F. Costello Scholarships, are pictured with Costello. The scholarships are awarded to residents of U.S. Congressional District 12: one from St. Clair County or Madison County and another from Monroe County or Randolph County. Recipients are returning adult



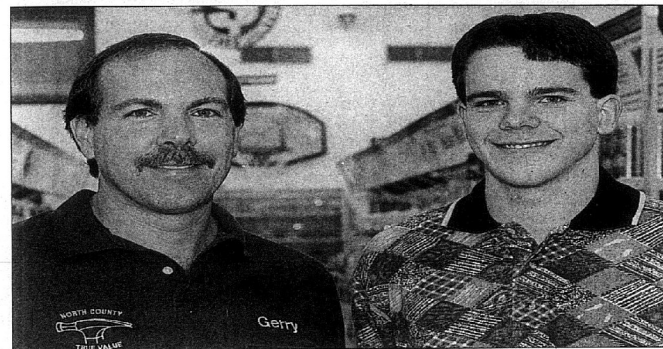
students, enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours and having completed a minimum of six credit hours. Above right, student Dennis Holland, center, of Granite City, recipient of the Granite City Elks Club Soccer Scholarship, is pictured with Larry Petri, left, BAC soccer coach, and Randy Witter, youth athletic director for the Granite City Elks Club. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student on the BAC soccer team who lives in Granite City.



Student Geoff Ritter of Steelville, recipient of the William Howard Davis Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with Lucille Davis of Belleville. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, second-year pre-engineering student.



Student Carol Horn of Belleville, recipient of the William H. Mentzer Scholarship, is pictured with Mentzer's son, Tom. Mentzer's family established the award in his memory. The award is given to a full- or part-time student who lives in the Belleville area.



Student Curtis Stoll of Red Bud, right, recipient of the North County True Value Home Center Scholarship, is pictured with Gerry Niermann, True Value owner. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student pursuing a business-related career who lives in Red Bud or Randolph County.



Student Michelle Gagnon of Maryville, recipient of the Egyptian Radio Club Scholarship, is pictured with Tod West, club treasurer. The scholarship is awarded to a full- or part-time student attending classes on the Granite City Campus.



Student Stephanie Scharf, center, of Smithton, recipient of the Orison and Fern Selbert Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with the Selberts. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who recently graduated from Freeburg High School and is committed to earning a higher degree.



Student Bruce Boxdorfer, center, of Belleville, recipient of the Brenda Smith Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is pictured with Charles and Margaret Smith. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time, second-year physical therapist assistant student. It is one of 100 privately funded scholarships made available to BAC students through the Foundation.

## News Boys Home serves children since 1906

By Greg Uptain  
Staff writer

When someone thinks of children's residential services for boys in North County, one place immediately pops to mind.

Father Dunne's News Boys Home, 853 Dunn Road, directly behind St. Thomas Aquinas-Mercy High School in Florissant, has been serving the area since its inception in north St. Louis by Father Peter Dunne in 1906.

"He had witnessed the street corner urchins selling newspapers on the streets during the newspaper daily circulation wars that existed at the turn of the century," said Bruce Bradley, executive director at Father Dunne's.

"He came to realize he was called by God to serve these kids."

The home was originally on Selby Place near downtown St. Louis before moving to another city location at Washington and Garrison avenues. It moved to Florissant in 1986.

Bradley said the home serves boys mainly between the ages of 13 and 18.

"The focus of the home has really been to provide a structured, caring, orderly, supportive environment for dependent, neglected, homeless, orphaned kids," he said.

"The boys who come into the home are there because of a wide range of reasons."

"It's very diverse, ranging from kids in some sort of relative care to situations where mom just needs a break for awhile," Bradley said.

He said the definition of a homeless child is different today than it used to be.

"The classic example is dad's in jail, and mom's on crack," he said.

Some of the kids stay a short period of time, while others are there for longer periods.

"It really depends upon the individual and the situation," Bradley said. "In some instances, a three- or four-month stay is appropriate, but for the other kids, this is the end of the line for them."

They will stay here until they graduate from high school."

Bradley took over as executive director June 1, succeeding William Donley, who left after 18 years in the position.

Bradley said the job so far has been everything he had hoped for.

"It's really been a wonderful place for me to utilize my skills and talents in trying to solidify the organization and prepare it to move into the next century," he said.

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Executive Director  
Father Dunne's News Boys Home

Dunne's after an eight-year stint as the director of personnel and training for the national office of Boys Hope/Girls Hope in St. Louis.

He thinks his background and love of children's services is a perfect blend for his current job.

"My whole focus has always been working with children, youth and adolescents primarily in the areas of early intervention and prevention services," he said. "I guess I really believe in trying to help kids now rather than dealing with some of the other costs associated with not dealing with them now, like prisons."

Bradley said the home's rich history, which includes its longtime city location and the inspiration of the 1948 movie "Fighting Father Dunne," attracted him to the home.

"Throughout the years, it has been known in the St. Louis community as a very special place for kids to be," he said.

As for the future, Bradley thinks Father Dunne's has a bright one.

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## Catholic Charities seeks Santas

By Cathy Pezold  
Staff writer

Catholic Charities needs a little last-minute help to brighten Christmas for needy children and teenagers.

More than 2,000 volunteers already have sponsored children through the agency's fifth annual Secret Santa project, but more gifts are needed for special cases.

"We always have children that wind up in our residential facilities or shelters on Christmas Eve, and we want to make sure those children get presents as well," said Karen Wallensak, assistant director

of Catholic Charities.

She said refugees, homeless teens and neglected children often come to Catholic Charities' attention late and do not have a chance to participate in the Secret Santa project.

Through the project, needy children in the St. Louis area and those that are being served by Catholic Charities are encouraged to write letters to Santa.

The letters filled with Christmas wishes are collected and distributed to donors, who volunteer to buy the gifts on the child's wish list.

Wallensak said with the overwhelming response,

there are no more letters available for volunteers. But she added that wrapped or unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at any Famous Brand Shoes store in the metropolitan area by Dec. 12.

"Having extra gifts on hand for children and teenagers would be a real blessing for our agencies," said Joan Smith, Catholic Charities volunteer director.

"We are especially concerned about our pre-teens and teenagers, since few people donate gifts for older kids."

Wallensak said gifts for teenagers are important.

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